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New Soviet Offensive On Mannerheim Line

FINNS CONTINUE GRIM RESISTANCE

Helsinki, To-day.
THROWING FRESH TROOPS into the action, in the wake of wave after wave of bombing machines, the Red Army yesterday resumed their offensive on the Mannerheim Line.

Four points were chosen for mass infantry attacks, but at the end of the day the Finnish main defence positions were intact and the Russians had lost between one and two thousand men killed in action.

LESSON OF SAITO INCIDENT

Shanghai, To-day.

In a leading article on the Saito Incident in the Japanese Diet, the Sino-American newspaper "China Press" describes the incident as an illuminating example of what can happen to a Japanese citizen when he attempts to speak plainly.

After stating that Mr. Saito was expressing the bewilderment of the majority of Japanese as to whether Japanese policy in China is leading the nation, the "China Press" says:

"Although Mr. Saito did not succeed in getting any answers to his questions, his case has brought into sharp relief one of the dominating factors in Japanese politics to-day: The main difficulty in settling the 'China Affair' is that Japan does not know what she wants.

"If she could only clarify her basic aims and minimum conditions for achieving a settlement of the war in China, an 'Incident' which has dragged on for two and a half years and shows no sign of coming to an early finish, would be considerably nearer its end.

"Mr. Saito's efforts in the Diet afforded a valuable opportunity for Japanese leader to do their thinking aloud—a worthwhile exercise for clearing up muddled minds. Unfortunately for Japan, the Members of the Diet preferred to ignore arrogantly Mr. Saito's opportune remarks. . . . and in so doing, they intentionally closed their minds to any frank discus-

Eleven of the bombers were shot down and at least fourteen big tanks were destroyed as well as several smaller ones.

At the same time, from the Arctic North to the Karelian Isthmus, scores of Soviet planes indulged in violent bombing of towns and villages in a campaign of civilian terrorisation.

It is estimated that over two thousand high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the course of the day. Worst hit was Viborg, which was not only bombed by planes in relays, but also subjected to long-range artillery fire by heavy guns.

FINNS RETALIATE

Casualties in the town were few, however. Heavier tolls were reported in villages far removed from the fighting zones.

The Finnish Air Force retaliated by bombing Soviet air bases far behind the lines.—Reuter.

ABO BOMBING

Helsinki, To-day.

The Russians bombed Abo again yesterday and set on fire and destroyed several houses. During Saturday's raids a hundred houses were burned out at Sortavala.—Reuter.

Three Thousand Russians Killed

London, To-day.

Reuter's special correspondent in the Karelian Isthmus says that the Russian attacks there cost the Russian three thousand dead.

The Finns, under an enormous strain, are holding their positions, and have learned a great deal about the new tank sledges.

During the night, the Finns arranged new positions for anti-tank guns and dug themselves deep into holes in No-Man's-Land. When the tanks appeared they were met with heavy gunfire and many tanks were halted by showers of grenades flung from the holes.—Reuter.

sion which might have led to clarification of Japan's war aims." —Reuter.

DOMINION STATUS FOR INDIA

New Delhi, To-day.

The "Star of India," commenting on the arrival of Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah for consultations with the Viceroy, suggests that Lord Linlithgow proposes to offer the community leaders an assurance of Dominion status after the war.

He will ask Gandhi to call off the Congress threat of non-cooperation.—Reuter.

BRISK FIGHT

Paris, To-day.

The official communique of French H.Q. yesterday referring to a "sharp encounter with an enemy reconnoitring party," conceals in the phrase one of the liveliest actions of the present year.

The reconnoitring party is reported to have consisted of several companies

SOVIET AID TO NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

SOVIET RUSSIA HAS GIVEN PERMISSION FOR THE TRANSIT OF GOODS BETWEEN GERMANY AND IRAN.

Goods bought by Germany in Iran will be considered as German as soon as they cross the Irano-Russian border and will thus benefit under the terms of the Russo-German transit agreement.

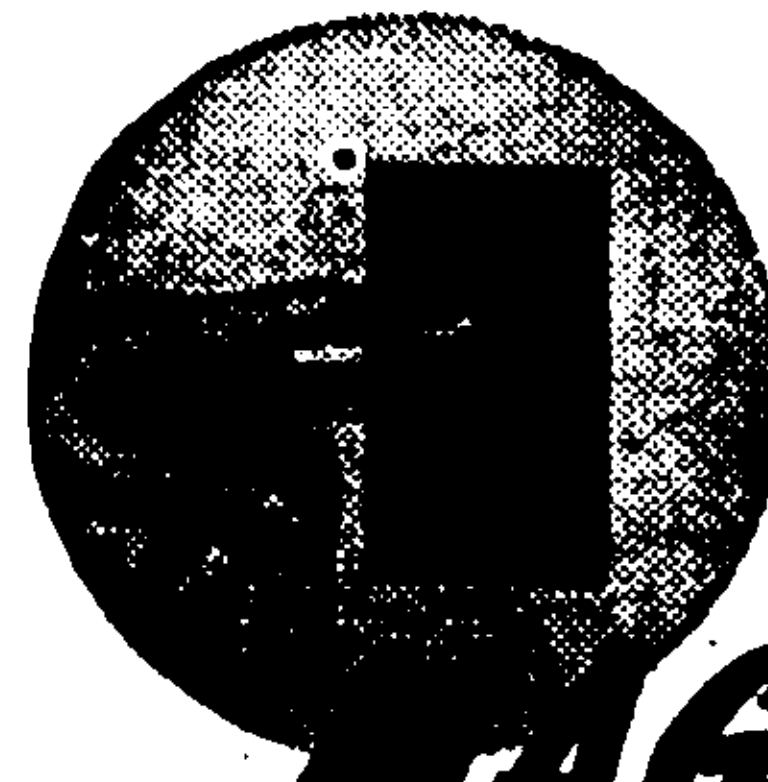
Iranian exports to the Reich are leather, cotton and wool and, eventually, livestock.

It is most probable that Iran will not send petrol, as such a move would be considered unfriendly by Britain.—Havas.

and a cut-and-thrust engagement at close quarters lasted for several hours. The French took a number of prisoners.—Reuter.

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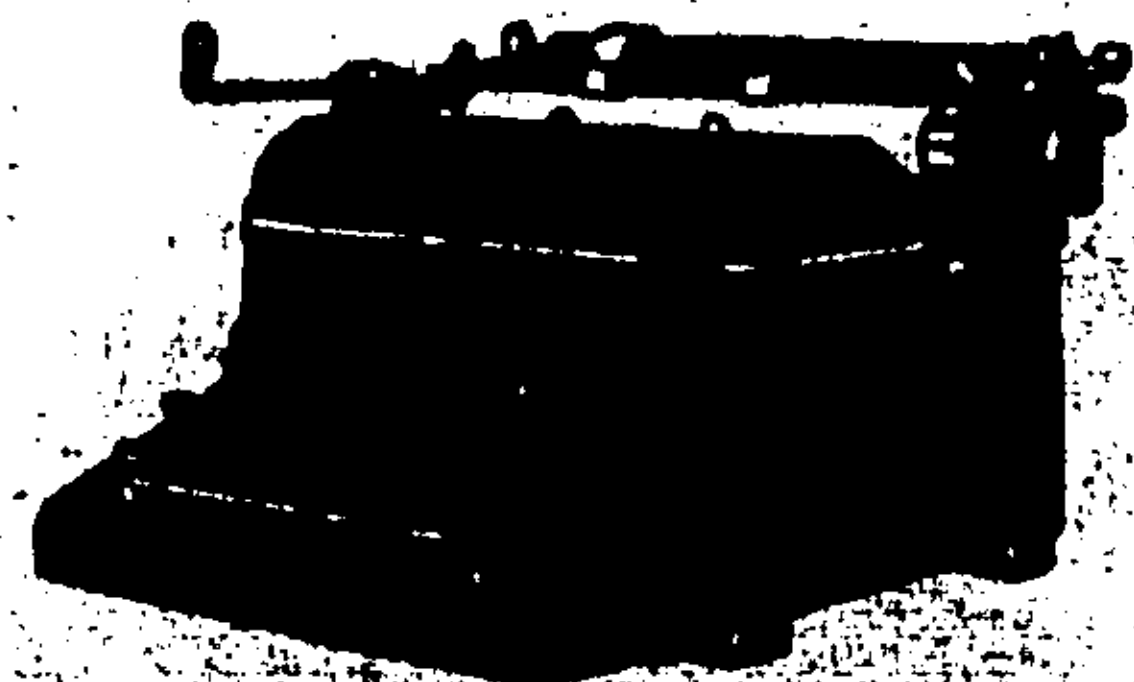
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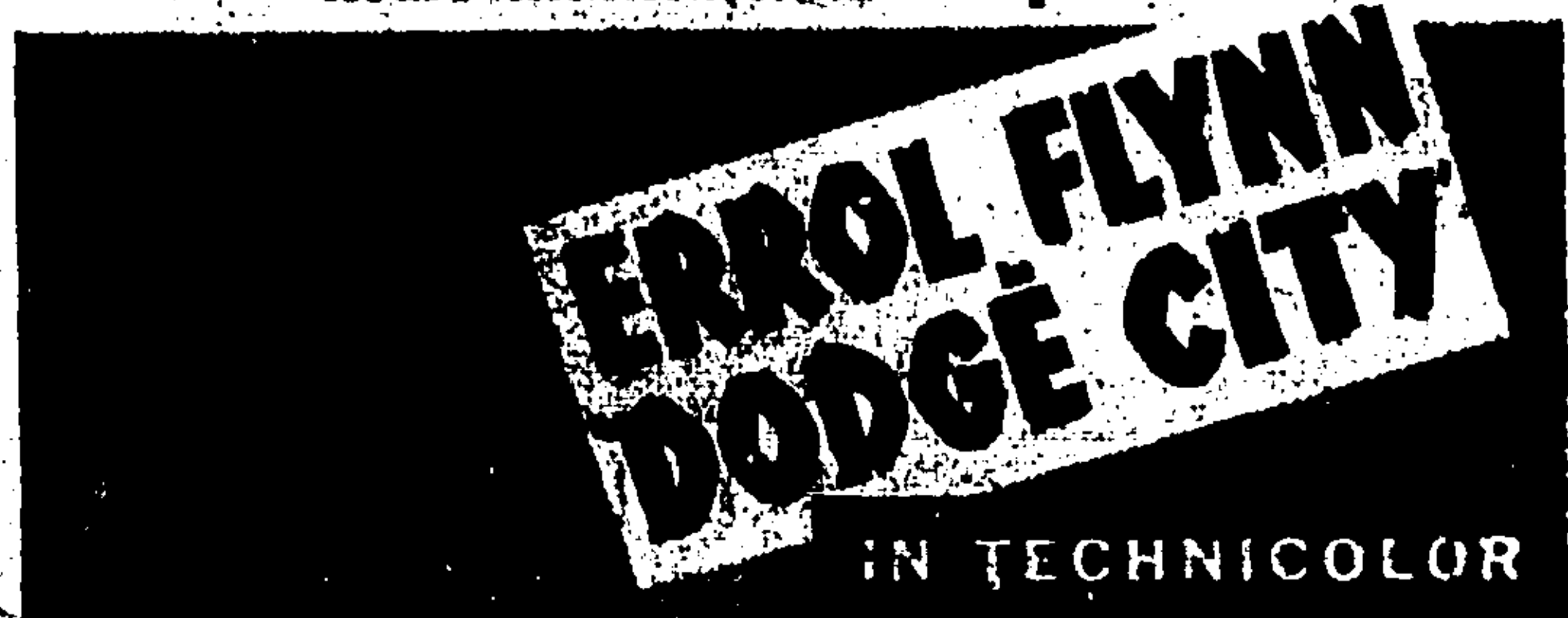
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

ITALY'S FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS France and Italy's desire to stay out of war were voiced in a speech delivered by the Italian Ambassador, Signor Raffaele Guariglia during a luncheon given by Senator Rene Besse, recently appointed Commissioner of the French Pavilion of the International Fair due Rome 1942.

"Italy has always been a nation of labourers," remarked the Ambassador.

"Last year when the international situation grew worse, Il Duce once again solemnly asserted that he would pursue preparation for the 1942 Fair. This decision shows Italy's will for peace.

"All those who understand France know that even under the present grave circumstances she could not fail to participate in a demonstration summarising man's desire for progress and peaceful work."

The Italian envoy concluded by congratulating the French people on their staunch confidence in the strength of their nation and their hope of a better life for humanity.—Havas.

OBJECTOR REFUSED TO SPEAK

A conscientious objector who appeared before Yorkshire tribunal in Leeds was described as "mute of malice" after he had declined to answer questions, and was struck off the register without qualification.

He was Jack Proud, aged 20, a tailor's cutter, of Thorpe Wakefield, and he told the chairman of the tribunal that even answering questions in the court was against the teachings of Christ.

"You are merely being obstructive," said the chairman. "Sheer obstinacy and stupidity are no use before a tribunal like this."

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

The following crimes and punishments were reported from Germany during the week-end:

For stealing sandbags valued at 5s during the black-out—death;

Robbery during the black-out, 2 persons—death;

Attack on a woman—death;

Setting fire to barns and crops, 2 persons—death;

Listening to foreign radio—4 years' imprisonment;

Asking too much for the sale of horses—three fines of £600, £415

and £250.
The horse dealers were stated to "have taken gross advantage of the present shortage of horses to enrich themselves excessively."

OFFICE FURNITURE CONTROL

The latest sphere to which price control has been extended in Germany is the manufacture and sale of office furniture. The Reich Commissar for Price Control has drawn up a list of maximum wholesale and retail prices for desks, chairs and other articles.

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FRENCH PROTEST AGAINST YUNNAN RAILWAY BOMBING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

IT IS OFFICIALLY announced that during yesterday's audience, M. Daladier informed the Japanese Ambassador of the French stand as regards the Yunnan railway. Exchanges of views are being pursued between Japan and France. Meanwhile, Washington's intervention in Tokyo has made an excellent impression in Paris, as it confirms the French view that the Yunnan railway is a commercial line of common interest for all the nations of the world.—Havas.

Japanese Persist In News Canard

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") PARIS, TO-DAY.

AUTHORIZED CIRCLES ARE EXTREMELY SURPRISED THAT A CERTAIN SEMI-OFFICIAL JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY DEEMED IT ADVISABLE TO INCLUDE IN ONE OF ITS BROADCASTS A "NEWS REPORT" PUBLISHED IN ONE OF THE TOKYO NEWSPAPERS AND IMMEDIATELY DENIED IN PARIS.

The report asserted that France had concluded with Chungking a secret treaty for supplying Chungking with arms and ammunition via the Yunnan railway.

Authorised circles here once more assert that the report is absolutely groundless and wonder whether the publicity given to it does not constitute a belated attempt to justify the murderous bombings of Japanese aviators on February 2.—Havas.

French Comment

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Many French papers comment on the bombing of the Yunnan railway, expressing shocked surprise at the attack.

The "Paris Soir" writes:—"France gave Japan formal assurances regarding the traffic of war material to China and Tokyo knows that these assurances are strictly observed. Nothing can justify the attacks by the Japanese aviators.

"After the reinforcement of the blockade of the Tientsin concessions, the bombing of the Yunnan railway appears to many to be an action calculated by certain military elements to counteract the conciliatory policies of the new Japanese Cabinet.

"Friday's bombing came after the French Ambassador to Tokyo had

protested against previous bombings and while negotiations between diplomats were following their normal course.

TOKYO'S RESPONSIBILITY

"France has always had friendly relations with Japan and intends to maintain them, but she expects that Tokyo will impose on its military the observance of international treaties and respect for innocent travellers, the integrity of France's possessions and the technical marvels built by Frenchmen and admired by the whole world."—Havas.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST T.B.

The director of Medical Services, Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, in a series of broadcast talks roused the Colony to the danger of this scourge and made many recommendations with a view to preventing and curing the disease.

Like cholera and smallpox, tuberculosis is largely a poverty disease. It is nature's drastic method of thinning out the population, when it exceeds the means of subsistence. It indicates bad housing, unemployment under-nourishment, want of fresh air, and lack of education.

While medical aid is valuable, the real problem is concerned more with social conditions. The menace of the disease is intensified by the influx of some half million or more refugees, who have made the housing problem still more acute than it was.

When housing is so scarce and so expensive, because of building costs, and rents are so high it means that a disproportionate amount of the scanty wages has to be spent on rent, and so the quantity and quality of food suffers.

The tuberculosis problem raises the whole question of social betterment. —"St. John's Review."

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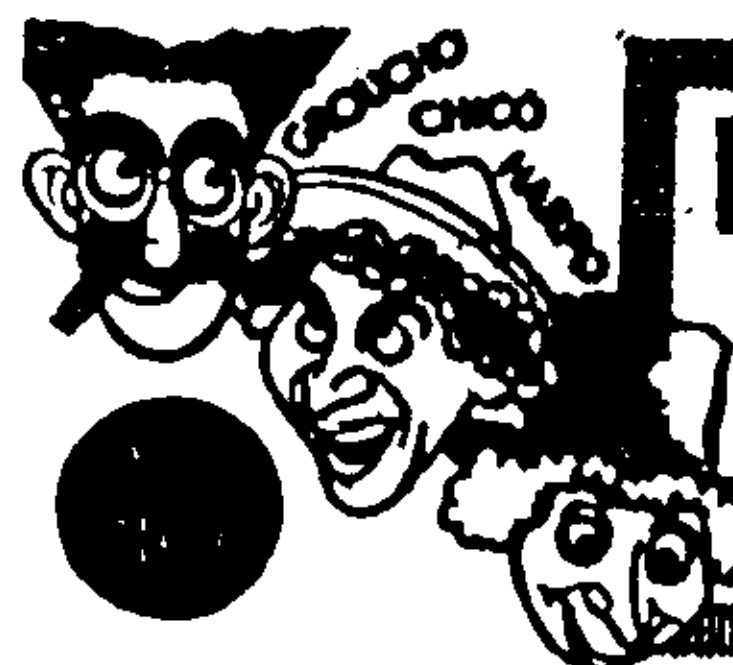
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Hitler's Murder Squadrons Attack Six Ships Off Coast ONLY ONE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SUNK

London, To-day.

REPORTS HAVE NOW been received of attacks on six ships during Saturday's air raids on the East Coast of Britain. Five of the ships were British, and one was a Belgian vessel.

Reports have also been received that an unknown Swedish ship was bombed and machine-gunned somewhere in the North Sea, but no definite details are as yet available.

The British ships are the Kildale, Yewdale, Rose of England, Corland and Harley.

An "SOS" was picked up from the Kildale, 3,800 tons, saying that the crew was taking to the boats. Two East Coast life boats were launched and 15 survivors were landed at an East Coast port. It is understood that six others are missing.

The Yewdale, 800 tons, was attacked by two German planes about a mile from the coast. She was a Glasgow collier. Although the ship suffered little damage, the captain was killed at the wheel and three members of the crew were injured.

The Rose of England, a Grimsby trawler of 200 tons, was attacked in the same area. No one was hit although the ship was machine-gunned.

The crew of the Harley, 400 tons, have been landed at an East Coast town.

The Corland, 3,400 tons, has reached port safely.

NAZI CLAIM

The Belgian ship was a small vessel manned by a crew of 10. Six tried to get ashore in a raft and lifeboats are now looking for them. The other four were landed safely yesterday.

The only ship known to be lost as a result of the raid was a small Norwegian vessel of 630 tons. Nevertheless, yesterday's Nazi High Command communique claimed that 14 ships were sunk. At least three Nazi bombers were shot down by British fighters and two others were not expected to reach home.—Reuter.

ONE FIGHTER COMMAND SQUADRON HAS GOOD DAY

London, To-day.

It is learned that during Saturday's air raids, one R.A.F. fighter command squadron shot down two raiders, crippled a third and drove off a fourth, while another squadron so seriously damaged a fifth that it probably did not reach home.—Reuter.

Hawker Hurricanes

London, To-day.

On Saturday, a single squadron of Hawker Hurricanes was responsible for the shooting down of two Heinkels, the crippling of a third and the chasing away of a fourth.

On the previous Tuesday, two of the pilots attacked a couple of Heinkels off the Northumbrian coast and saw one of them dive into the sea and break up. This squadron was thus responsible for the destruction of three out of the four raiders known to have been destroyed in these two days' engagements and it must be remembered that the Royal Air Force counts as destroyed only those seen to crash and not those, no matter how badly damaged, that manage to evade the coup de grace but nevertheless possibly do not get back to their bases.

Between 1916 and 1918, the predecessors of this squadron brought down 149 German aircraft in France.

This squadron includes a Flight Lieutenant from South Africa and a flying officer from New Zealand.—British Wireless.

GOOD FOR EVIL Four Of Crew Of Nazi Bomber Rescued

London, To-day.

According to an Agency report, four of the crew of a German bomber, presumably one of those shot down by British fighters in the North Sea on Saturday, were rescued yesterday by the trawler, Harlech Castle.

The fifth was drowned before the fishermen could reach him. One of the four rescued men died on board the trawler from wounds in the head, while two other have been taken to hospital and the fourth has been handed over to a military guard.—British Wireless.

NO PUPPETS IN POLAND

PARIS, TO-DAY.

NEITHER GERMANY NOR RUSSIA HAD MANAGED TO FORM A SHAM GOVERNMENT IN THOSE PARTS OF POLAND THEY RESPECTIVELY OCCUPIED BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT FIND A SINGLE POLE WILLING TO TURN TRAITOR. DECLARED THE POLISH MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE AT A SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

The whole of the Polish nation—and particularly the workers—was carrying on under terrible conditions in a desperate struggle for liberty, he said.

After the war was over, Poland would play her part in establishing international co-operation in all spheres.—Reuter.

VERSAILLES OR WORSE?

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands newspaper "Hansdelsblad," commenting on the Vatican City broadcasts of Nazi terrorism, says that these may be considered a warning to the Western free nations to form a wall against barbarism and despotism.

The world is asking how the German methods which justified the overthrowing of the Versailles Treaty can be put alongside the cruelties she herself is showing against the small and weak nations that are in her power.—Reuter.

MURDER ATTACK ON MERCHANTMAN

London, To-day.

Numerous instances of the courage of seamen and fishermen have been revealed since Nazi air attacks on shipping in the North Sea on Saturday.

Two German aircraft bombed and machine-gunned the s.s. Yewdale, smashing the windows of the wheelhouse and killing the skipper and three members of the crew.

Defying danger, fishing craft went out and aided the Yewdale to reach port, where, except for broken windows, she showed little signs of her ordeal.—Reuter.

HUNDRED KILLED IN RED BOMBING

Helsinki, To-day.

At least 100 people were killed in Finland during yesterday's air raids, this being the largest death-roll for any one day so far.

Official figures stated that about 200 people were injured.

Thirty people were killed at Kuopio, on the main railway line to the north, and in the centre of Finland. Mass formations of Soviet bombers also attacked many places in southern and western Finland.—Reuter.

"IMMORAL" NAZI CLAIM

A judge of New York Supreme Court, Mr. William Collins, asserted that American courts could not be expected to aid and abet Germany's policy of confiscating the property of Jews simply because they were Jews.

In the case before him a New York firm owed a Viennese firm, whose owners had been forced to flee from Austria, about £2,000. Ruling that the money should be paid to these refugees, Mr. Collins said:

"When the German Reich enveloped Austria the plaintiffs' business was seized and appropriated solely because of the plaintiffs' race. The liquidation process is sheer confiscation."

He added that the liquidator's claim was an immoral one, having no foundation in fact or civilised law.

CHILDREN'S THOUGHTS ON WAR

Three hundred thousand German school children are to receive free "war diaries." In these books they are told to write down their thoughts and experiences. There is also a pocket for keeping newspaper cuttings and pictures. After the war "valuable prizes" will be awarded for the best-kept diaries.

ARTIFICIAL HONEY

A special ration of artificial honey is being issued in Germany—for one week only. Each person is entitled to buy 4oz. of this substance, which resembles a mixture of treacle and fat.

HONG KONG FACTORY PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY

EVIDENCE THAT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY HAS PROGRESSED RAPIDLY DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS WAS PROVIDED THIS MORNING, WHEN, DISPLAYING OVER 2,000 DIFFERENT EXHIBITS OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED BY LOCAL CHINESE MANUFACTURERS, THE THIRD ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF CHINESE GOODS, THE BIGGEST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD HERE, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS MORNING BY THE HON. SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL, IN MORRISON HILL ROAD.

Exhibits destined for the World's Fair in New York this year were also on view in addition to those of the many factories which were compelled to move to the Colony owing to occupation of industrial areas in China by the Japanese.

"We need the help of the Hong Kong Government to support our industry, and we earnestly hope that whenever Government makes any regulations relating to our factories, they will take into consideration the hardships which we are experiencing in our effort to make Hong Kong self-supporting and one of the industrial centres of the world," declared Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, in his welcoming speech to the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, who was presented with a pair of gold scissors with which he cut the ribbon officially opening the exposition.

EMPLOYMENT FOR THOUSANDS

Thanking Sir Robert for performing the ceremony, Mr. Ip continued in part:

"This exhibition consists of 170 stalls occupied by products of 115 factories in the Colony. Over 2,000 different exhibits clearly show how rapidly local industry has improved during the past 12 months.

"Hong Kong was formerly only a port used as a clearing house. Most of the local factories have very small capitals, but with support and encouragement, which we hope will be forthcoming from the Government, we can build up this young industry into one of the chief industrial centres in the world.

"With Government's support more factories can be started here giving employment to thousands," concluded Mr. Ip.

The exhibition will remain open for 8 days.

THE EXHIBITS

Nails, respirators, Chinese and foreign clothing, woollen, cotton, and silk piece-goods, different kinds of electric torchlights, medicine, ointment, canned goods, shoes, shirts, confectionery, biscuits, tooth-brushes, cosmetics, sauces, preserved ginger, ore, electric fans, bicycles, tricycles, batteries, toys, chalk, office and school utensils, handkerchiefs, kerosene-lamps, electric water-pumps, electric heaters, were among the thousands of exhibits, many of which were of high quality.

There were also two stalls displaying goods made by refugees. One, in charge of Mrs. D. E. Howe, displayed toys and the other embroidered goods.

Another stall sold Chinese calligraphic scripts in aid of the British War Organisation Fund.

Among those who visited the Exhibition were His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. E. I. Wayne-Jones, Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Miss Phyllis Harrop, Mr. T. N. Chau, Miss Alice Kwok, and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

Seaforth Man's Suicide In Officer's Quarters MOTIVE BAFFLES SHANGHAI POLICE

(Special to "China Mail," from Our Own Correspondent).

AIRMAN WITHOUT A PASSPORT

From Scotland comes the story of an R.A.F. officer who shot down a German plane. The pilot managed to make a forced landing.

Thinking that he would visit his antagonist in hospital, the R.A.F. officer put up the suggestion to the Service authorities. They saw no objection. On the contrary they thought that it might serve a useful purpose. Armed with the Air Ministry approval he approached the Home Office. Here again no difficulty was raised.

That the visit should be perfectly in order the R.A.F. officer informed the local police of his intention. Here he met with a blank refusal. He was informed that the man in question was under arrest as an enemy alien who had landed without even a passport.

TECHNICAL WORK OF LEAGUE TO GO ON

London, To-day.

A League of Nations' committee, consisting of the representatives of ten States—Australia, Argentine, Turkey, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland, the United Kingdom—meets at The Hague on February 7.

This body arises out of the recommendations of a Committee appointed on May, 1939, presided over by Mr. S. M. Bruce to consider and report on the best methods of separating the technical work of the League from political activities owing to a general feeling that the former has been unduly subordinated to the latter.

The Committee's special object was to facilitate the cooperation of non-Member States in the League's economic, financial and sociological activities.

In a Report adopted by the Assembly in December, Mr. Bruce's Committee recommended the appointment of a "Central Committee" with the duty of arranging for supervising, extending and directing the non-Political work of the League.

MUCH SPADEWORK

In order to implement the recommendation the League Assembly decided to appoint an "Organizing Committee" and it is this body which is meeting at the Hague.

It is hoped in official quarters that the organizing committee will prove to be the nucleus out of which the Central Committee will grow, but it is pointed out that much spadework must be accomplished before this hoped for result can be reached and the work now to be undertaken at the Hague is necessarily of a preparatory nature and no final or far reaching decisions are anticipated at this stage. —British Wireless.

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
POLICE AND THE BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE BAFFLED AS TO THE MOTIVE FOR THE SUICIDE YESTERDAY OF A POPULAR MEMBER OF THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS, FOUND SHOT DEAD IN THE QUARTERS OF SECOND LIEUTENANT C. M. GRIGG.

The dead man is Joseph Roy and he was the batman of Second Lieutenant Grigg, with whom he was talking only a few minutes before the tragedy.

VIGILANTES TO SUSPEND ACTIVITIES

The City Self-Preservation Corps (sometimes called the "Vigilantes"), which was organised in September last, will be withdrawn from the streets after Chinese New Year. There are 1,740 members in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

The Corps' records, however, will be kept and the Corps can be re-organised and put on the streets whenever an emergency requires.

Meetings were held recently between the Chinese Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, the heads of the different sections of the Corps, and the S.C.A., as a result of which it was decided to suspend the activity of the Vigilantes for the time being.

Since the Corps was formed, its members have brought in over 200 police cases, and the authorities admit that during its term of active life burglaries and thefts have considerably decreased.

YUNNAN RAILWAY OUTRAGE

Kunming, To-day.

Rescue and identification work connected with Thursday's raid on the Kunming-Haifong Railway Line is more complicated than ever following Saturday's raid.

Some 150 were killed and injured when Japanese planes bombed the north-bound train, and the fact that the passenger-car, in which all of Thursday's damage was done, was completely destroyed has added difficulty for the officials who rushed to the scene.

The only casualty names so far divulged are those of the wife of M. Daviet, French District Inspector connected with the railway, and their child.

M. Daviet is at present in Chungking. —Reuter.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR LEAVES MOSCOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The French Ambassador, M. Paul Emile Naggia, left for France this evening for a furlough of undetermined duration. —Havas.

L.M.S. TRAIN WRECKED BY LANDSLIDE

London, To-day.

One woman was killed and several other passengers were injured when the Northampton to London train of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway ran into a landslide near Watford.

Five landslides have been reported on the Southern Railway in the last 24 hours.—Reuter.

TURKEY AGAIN HIT BY QUAKE

Ankara, To-day.

Turkey has been hit by another severe earthquake.

Forty-five persons were killed outright and scores were badly injured in two villages which were completely destroyed.

The worst of the shock was felt in the neighbourhood of Erzindjan.

Tremors had been felt every day since December 27, 1939, throughout the whole of Northern Anatolia, but they have been becoming more frequent and violent in the past 48 hours.

The sorely-hit population is declared to be in a state of terror. —Reuter.

JAPANESE ARREST WANG "AIDE"

Shanghai, To-day.

One of Wang Ching-wei's followers, Wang Mun-yun, head of the "puppet" department of social affairs, was arrested by the Japanese yesterday. Reason for the arrest was not divulged. —Our Own Correspondent.

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Surprise Announcement By Shanghai's "Mayor" CLAIMS AGREEMENT WITH S.M.C. ON VEXED OUTSIDE ROADS QUESTION

(Special to "China Mail," from Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, To-day.

A SURPRISE HAS BEEN occasioned here by an announcement issued by the Puppet Mayor of Greater Shanghai, Mr. Fu Siao-en yesterday, declaring that an agreement regarding the ex-Settlement roads has been reached.

Mr. Fu has declined to give any details regarding the salient points of the agreement, stating that these would be forthcoming "within a few days."

BRITAIN'S PROMISE OF AID

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE BRITISH LABOUR DELEGATES WHO ARE RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO FINLAND YESTERDAY ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE NORTHERN COUNTRIES' LABOUR MOVEMENT IN COPENHAGEN.

Sir Walter Citrine said he saw no signs of tiredness, hopelessness or collapse anywhere in Finland. He was returning convinced that the Finns could hold out, and not merely for winter.

But, naturally, quick and comprehensive outside help was essential, for their own resources were limited. Everyone capable of bearing arms had been called to the Colours. Finland needed foreign volunteer workers as well as soldiers and doctors.

He repeated the assurance he gave the Finns before he left Helsinki that England would do her utmost to help within the framework of the League resolution.—British Wireless.

MR. SAITO INDISCREET

Tokyo, To-day.

The "Japan Times" commenting on the outburst against the veteran Minseito member, Mr. Takao Saito, who spoke his mind about the handling of the "China Affair," says that it is rather doubtful whether Mr. Saito will be expelled from the Diet in view of the sympathetic attitude towards him of members belonging to the major parties.

According to the "Nichi-Nichi," the Army is watching further developments with serious concern.—Reuter.

A high official of the Shanghai Municipal Council, (which presumably is associated in an agreement concerning the S.M.C. and the Special Municipality) questioned by your correspondent last night, said that no agreement has been signed or initialled.

The belief prevails here that nothing to support Mr. Fu's statement is likely to eventuate before the Chinese New Year, and it is pointed out that at the present moment, Mr. Godfrey Phillips, the Secretary-General, is away from Shanghai, as is Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the S.M.C. who is on his way to Dairen for ten days or so.

Their return will almost certainly be awaited before there can be any agreement on a very thorny question.

Negotiations have now been going on for several months.

It will be recalled that the Japanese authorities recently authorised a statement that Hongkew would 'probably' be restored to the control of the S.M.C. after a settlement of the Outside Roads question. — Our Own Correspondent.

FORCED TO BUY THE PROPAGANDA

Shanghai, To-day.

Complaints have been made by residents in west Shanghai to the effect that they have been compelled to subscribe to Wang Ching-wel's paper, the "Chung Hua Jih Pao."

They were visited by Japanese and Chinese interpreters who forced them to subscribe under threats of arrest.—Our Own Correspondent.

MR. NELSON JOHNSON IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, returned to Shanghai yesterday afternoon on board the U.S.S. Luzon. He will sail in a few days for Hong Kong on his way to Chungking.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHINESE RESTORING NANNING SITUATION

Liuchow, To-day.

Heavy fighting raged throughout the week-end in the vicinity of Pingyang, important south Kwangsi city in the northern apex of the Yungning-Wingshun-Pingyang triangle.

The Japanese line of attack northward on Pingyang from Wingshun has been cut at a number of strategic points, including Kantanghu and Lutouhu, south of Pingyang, which have all been wrested back from the invaders' brief occupation.

Wingshun, 50 miles east of Nanning down the Watkiang River, which was occupied by the Japanese last week and used as a base for their northward drive on Pingyang, returned to Chinese hands yesterday.

The majority of Japanese forces south of Pingyang are now encircled at Nanlungku, where vigorous Chinese attacks are proceeding. The total number of Japanese killed are said to have already exceeded 2,000.

Japanese reinforcements from Nanning were repeatedly beaten back at Tanghu and Nalu. On the Nanning-Pingyang highway, the Chinese recaptured Napei, north of Yungning yesterday. — Central News.

SECRET PACT REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Authorized quarters categorically denied the existence of a Franco-Chinese "secret agreement" as recently announced by the Nanking correspondent of the "Asahi Shimbun."—Havas.

TRANSFER OF U.S. SHIP REGISTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

From a total of 93, since the outbreak of the European war, the State Department has granted 66 petitions for changing registry of ships whose owners aim to evade the clause in the Neutrality Act forbidding American ships to operate in belligerent waters.

British ship owners are negotiating for the purchase of 19 ships totalling 73,000 tons, and French shipowners, for 14 ships, totalling 30,000 tons.

American lines have already transferred eight ships to a Norwegian company although the transfer of the flag has yet not taken place.—Havas.

RELIEF FOR TIENTSIN

Tientsin, To-day.

Relieving the acute food situation, the Japanese this morning allowed three truckloads of food-stuffs to pass into the British Concession.—Reuter.

ICE FROLICS IN BATTLE ZONE

London, To-day.

IN A REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES last week, Mr. Charles Gardner, the BBC Observer with the R.A.F. in France, said that the weather was, of course, the chief topic. They had frost, snow, and then frost again.

The second frost caused a traffic hold up and there was a collection of cars at the foot of the hills.

When one looked out of one's window, one saw scenes reminiscent of a slap-stick comedy. Half the people were falling down, and the rest were getting up.

Even important 7-star French Generals were not immune. The beauty of being a 7-star French General, however, is that one can fall down at the very feet of a guard of honour and no one dare laugh — at least, not at the time!

One of the highlights of the week was an attack by a Nazi bomber on a land patrol. The bomber came down to 20 feet and used its machine-guns; it did not damage.

This attack caused quite a lot of excitement, as some thought it might herald the beginning of "total warfare." If the Germans do start that game, comments Mr. Gardner, there will be plenty of surprises for them.

LAND TARGETS

The most remarkable feature of the war so far—at least, where the Allies are concerned—has been the care taken not to bomb or ground-strafe land targets. Such activity last

September might have been to Germany's advantage. But it is most likely that the Germans did not indulge in it for fear of reprisals.

One of the leading items of news during the week was the postponement of leave for the second time, due to what is called "The Flop"—transport troubles caused by the weather.

H. Q. HUMAN

This second postponement, however, showed up Headquarters in a human light. One man was going home to be married, the wedding being fixed for Thursday. He had already had to postpone the wedding twice before, once when war began and the second time when leave was postponed.

Three times, he thought, was a bit steep. So did Headquarters, for they sent him home by plane, a privilege usually reserved for the high ones in this war. The wedding was held.—Reuter.



THE CONTRABAND CONTROL — Taken at one of the Southern Contraband Control bases. Photo shows "Control" officers at work in their headquarters. (Copyright, Fox).

RUMANIA AND SOVIET

Non-Aggression Pact Now Expected To Be Signed

BALKAN ENTENTE POWERS END CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BELGRADE, TO-DAY.

ONE OF THE EARLY RESULTS OF THE BALKAN ENTENTE CONFERENCE IS LIKELY TO BE THE CONCLUSION OF A NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN RUMANIA AND SOVIET RUSSIA, ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED SOURCES.

The Conference decided upon a policy of continuous close contact between the four States of the Entente with a view to the preservation of peace in the Balkan area. — Havas.

Banquet Speeches

Belgrade, To-day.

The Foreign Ministers of the Balkan Entente met yesterday for the fifth time. They were expected to meet again later in the day, and a communique was to be issued shortly afterwards.

Encouraging speeches were made at a banquet given by the Yugoslavian Foreign Minister, Mm. Markovitch. He declared that the Balkan countries wanted to remain neutral, providing their independence was respected.

He was happy to say that the attitude of Bulgaria and Hungary conformed with the peaceful policy of the Entente powers. This justified the hope that a happy future might be possible for the Balkan and eastern Danubian nations. He hoped that economic collaboration might develop, as then they might more easily resist pressure.

ENTIRELY FALSE

M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, dealt with suggestions (known in London to have been spread by Nazi agents) that the conference was directed against neighbouring states. He denied these reports as "entirely false," and approved the speech of the Bulgarian Prime Minister who said that Bulgaria would respect the interests of the Balkan.

Like M. Markovitch, M. Gafencu spoke with gratitude of Italy's policy. — Reuter.

Official Communique

London, To-day.

The following communique has been issued in Belgrade following the final meeting of the Balkan Entente delegates, according to Copenhagen wireless.

"The four members of the Entente, in an atmosphere of cordial collaboration, agreed upon the following points:

- (1) the preservation of peace in the common interests of the Member States.
- (2) to continue the policy of excluding war from their part of Europe.
- (3) to maintain the closest co-operation between the States of the Entente.
- (4) to establish friendly relations with neighbouring people.
- (5) to intensify collaboration in commerce and transport between the Member States.
- (6) to prolong the Balkan Pact for another seven years.
- (7) to maintain close contact between the Foreign Minister of the Member States until the next conference, which will be held in Athens in February, 1941." — Reuter.

No Diplomatic Action Contemplated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

The Balkan entente, comprising Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece, has been automatically renewed until February 9, 1948 since none of these four countries have denounced the pact binding them.

No other country has been invited to join.

Before the opening of the conference it was contemplated to extend invitations to Bulgaria and Hungary but the plan was dropped owing to the reluctance of Turkey and Greece.

The general opinion is that the four Balkanic states are not embarking on any diplomatic action tending to modify the present Danubian-Balkan system.

On the other hand, the Balkan entente is considered also a protection for Hungary and Bulgaria. — Havas.

Further Progress

Belgrade, To-day.

The first steps to extend Balkan trade have already been taken and further progress is expected at a meeting of the Standing Economic Committee in the middle of February.

It is understood that the conference decided that the moment is inopportune to raise the question of territorial revision.

M. Sarajoglu, on his way home, will assure the Bulgarian Prime Minister that Bulgaria's peaceful attitude is warmly appreciated and that her territorial claim should be left for discussion later. — Reuter.

New Conference

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

A new conference of members of the Balkan Entente is to meet soon to examine economic question.

A conference grouping of experts will study the possibility of developing inter-Balkan exchanges and, notably:—trading in Yugoslavia's copper and iron ores, Rumania's oil, Turkey's cotton and Greece's agricultural products, on a barter basis. — Havas.

POLICE WORK THROUGH FIELD GLASSES

Found guilty of loitering in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Li Sau, 28, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Mr. Bidmead, A.S.P., living in Stubbs Road, saw defendant through field-glasses, climbing over the wall of the cemetery.

Defendant admitted that he intended to steal flower pots.



A sentry guards a camouflaged R.A.F. plane in France. (Copy-right, Fox).

ALLIES WELL PLEASED BY RESULT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE ARE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE BALKAN ENTENTE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE RE-ASSERTED ITS STRENGTH AT A MOST CRITICAL MOMENT.

The decision of the four Powers to protect the independence and national territory of each member State is considered especially important.

Furthermore, the joint statement issued following the conference clearly demonstrates that the Balkan States have found a way to conciliate their obligations as members of the Entente with the international obligations assumed by certain of them.

Thus, the German attempt to disassociate the Balkan Powers from Turkey failed.

ANOTHER SETBACK

In the economic field, Germany is also suffering a set-back, as the Balkan States contemplated only the development of exchanges between themselves.

Finally importance is attached in Paris to a passage in the final communique declaring that the four Powers were desirous of maintaining the most friendly relations with their neighbour countries.

This sentence is interpreted as proof that Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Rumania took note of the Hungarian and Bulgarian attitude and were ready to lessen political tension in south-eastern Europe. — Havas.

GERMAN AIRMEN WASHED UP

London, To-day.

The bodies of three German airmen, one wearing the Iron Cross, have washed ashore in Northumberland. They are believed to be the crew of the Heinkel brought down off the mouth of the Tyne on Saturday.

A German float, fully inflated, was washed ashore on South Onalsay, in the Orkneys. It is believed the crew of a German aeroplane must have drowned after taking to the raft. — Reuter.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Lee Tung, printer, was charged with unlawful possession of a forged \$5 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and with uttering another forged \$5 note.

Det. Sergeant V. Morrison asked for 48 hours' remand, which was granted.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

RUMANIAN OIL

To-day's feature about Rumanian oil is decreased production as compared to the peak year of 1936 when 8,704,000 tons of crude petroleum were produced. In that same year the Rumanian output constituted 3.52 per cent. of the total world production. In 1937, when the world output increased 13.7 per cent. over that of 1936, Rumania's contribution to it amounted to 2.54 per cent. or 7,153,000 tons. The decrease continued in 1938 when production was 2.41 per cent. of the world total or 6,610,000 tons. The estimated production in 1939 is scheduled to reach 6,200,000 tons, a decrease of 6 per cent. over that of 1938 and 29 per cent. over that of 1936.

Decrease of Rumania's oil production is due to inability to carry on sufficient drilling operations that would otherwise insure an increase.

In the first six months of 1939, Germany took the most important quantity of Rumanian oil, this amounting to 30.5 per cent. of our exports or a total of 2,231,091 tons. Britain came next with 15.7 per cent, Italy following with 14.8 per cent. and then France with 7.3 per cent.—Mihail Pizanty, Director of the Moniteur du Petrole Roumain.

BLUM ON THE NEXT PEACE

Nothing stable can repose on injustice, violence or constraint. Real peace must satisfy the conscience and conciliate all interests and rights. It must atone for the past by compensations for the abuses by force and make amends for infringements on justice, at the same time carefully protecting the future against any such encroachments. Real peace must establish economic co-operation between nations and rational apportionment of labour. It must eliminate every possible cause of litigation between nations and establish a system for the legal settlement of conflicts that excludes resort to force. Real peace must give international justice the higher power to compel general and controlled disarmament. Real peace must, in a word, guarantee the independence and security of peoples in a Europe both federated and disarmed.—Ex-Premier Leon Blum of France.

PRESIDENT AND POPE

Americans have supported the peace efforts of President Roosevelt, both before and since the outbreak of open hostilities. They will welcome any movement to mobilise religious forces, naturally opposed to war, to promote just settlement of present conflicts.

They will also note that the most important feature of these plans is the sending of Myron C. Taylor as Mr. Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican, and on the pos-

sible meanings of this step they will have serious questions to ask. Typical of these are some already put to the President by a Baptist clergyman in Atlanta who particularly wants to know whether the American representative will go to the Vatican "as a religious body or as a political entity," and whether such an appointment can be made without "officially representing and involving the people of the United States."

In 1867 Congress refused to appropriate money for an official envoy from the United States to the Vatican, and if not satisfied as to the nature of the present mission it will again find ways to discontinue the association. The American people will be watching the new Ambassador at Large, eager to have him active in all wise ways of promoting peace, but alert that his principal assignment does not become an oblique first step toward official relations with the Papacy. That the White House is aware of this purpose is shown by its care to announce that the appointment of Mr. Taylor, an Episcopalian who has lived in Italy and has been representing the United States in refugee work all over Europe, does not constitute diplomatic recognition of the Vatican.

On that understanding there is good reason to expect that the unprecedented arrangement may be of practical service. The Pope and the heads of the neutral countries, particularly the President of the greatest neutral Power, are the most natural intermediaries in any peace plans. This newspaper has urged a closer collaboration of the neutrals to make their power felt in protecting their rights, restricting the area of warfare and upholding peace aims which might appeal to both sides. In that work the Vatican can have a useful part, possibly in the present circumstances uniquely useful.

The dual office of the Pope gives him an influence in several of the warring countries which is not exercised by any other individual or head of a state beyond their borders. Millions of Germans, Austrians and Poles recognise his ecclesiastical sovereignty. — "Christian Science Monitor."

A SWISS VIEW

Specially notable in Premier Daladier's recent declaration is the phrase that neither France nor England are out to lead a sort of ideological crusade or are in the fight for conquest. The French Premier very clearly sees the two countries compelled to fight against German intent to dominate Europe.

When peace comes, these two powers will, as a prime requirement,

demand precise and definite conditions security. These will have to exclude all surprise and this, according to the French and English concept, can only be achieved by reciprocal guarantees. The second condition is that the rights and interests of all people be harmonised. This undoubtedly means not only a right to living space for all big and voracious powers but also for small and weak peoples, with restrictions. The latter will have their word to say when their destiny is settled. That is the reason the third condition for peace laid down by France and England, is that reparation shall be made for all abuses resulting from violence.—Der Bund, Berne, Leftist Organ.

U.S. IN THE ORIENT

America cannot afford to substitute appeasement for strong, honest and enlightened leadership in the Far East. Nor would the American people be inclined to support a policy which would spell enslavement for Chinese men and women who have so clearly demonstrated their willingness to make extreme sacrifices in the name of freedom.—"Evans F. Carlson."

Fishermen Describe Planes' Attacks On Trawlers

MACHINE-GUN FIRE AT WOUNDED

The German warplanes' new campaign of terror against fishing trawlers was graphically described by members of the crews of vessels attacked in the North Sea.

"I never thought white men would do what these German airmen did to us," said Mr. John Ross, skipper of the trawler Craigie Lea.

"The gave us no warning before they started to bomb and machine-gun us. They circled round us repeatedly and sprayed the vessel with bullets. The crew were on deck when they made their first attack, and I told my men to take cover immediately. We had an amazing escape."

Three other trawlers, the Eileen Wray, Compaganus, and Pearl, were similarly attacked. The Eileen Wray was towed into a north-east port. One member of the crew of the Compaganus, James Swanney, was killed and another wounded by machine-gun fire, and three of the Pearl's crew were wounded, the ship being abandoned in a sinking condition.

The three men wounded by machine-gun bullets aboard the Pearl were landed at an East Coast port by the trawler Dereham. They are: J. E. Loveday, of Stanley-street, Grimsby, a trimmer; J. H. Thomas, of Corporation-street, Grimsby, second engineer; and H. Thrower, of Wellington-street, Grimsby, a deck-hand. Loveday, it was understood, had seven wounds and was in a serious condition. The other two had wounds in the hand and ankle.

BOMBED AND SUNK

Later it was announced that the Granton trawler Isabella Grieg had also been bombed and sunk. Two of the crew of 10, Andrew Banks and Ronald Tweedie, both of Granton, were injured.

As the crew were being taken aboard another trawler the Nazi planes again swooped down and machine-gunned them.

When the Nazi planes made their attack on the Eileen Wray they circled the trawler one behind the other, the first dropping eight bombs and the second following up with bursts of machine-gun fire.

As the crew made efforts to lower the lifeboats the planes swooped again and again, and no fewer than 16 times the men had to leap for cover.

Only the last of the eight bombs fell near its mark. It struck the water a few yards from the vessel and damaged the engine-room.

As the planes made off, water began to leak into the hull. Capt. Hartley, the skipper, said that the attack occurred after the trawler had been fishing for 12 hours.

"I could see the track of tracer bullets each time the plane swept round," he said, "but as in the case of the bombs the marksmanship was bad. Not a man was injured. As we made attempts to lower the boat we were jumping in and out of cover like jacks in the box."

RUSH FOR SHELTER

The crew of the Compaganus, which was struck by a bomb, were rescued and landed by the trawler Colleague. A member of the crew said that they were fishing when they were attacked by machine-gun fire and bombs from two German aeroplanes. Four bombs were dropped, but they did not strike the ship. The crew rushed for shelter.

James Swanney, who was killed, was struck by machine-gun bullets while running along the deck. The attack lasted half an hour.

About an hour and a half later two planes reappeared and resumed the attack. Ten bombs were dropped on this occasion, and one struck the vessel and

passed right through into the engine-room. Their small boat was riddled with bullets.

Samuel Buck, of Edinburgh, the mate of the Compaganus, said that Swanney was killed within five minutes of the start of the attack at 10.20 a.m. They were trying to get away the fishing gear, and he shouted to Swanney to run when the attack came.

Their wireless was put out of action by the gunfire. After the attack they steamed for about two hours with the Colleague as escort, and at about 12.30 p.m. the second attack was made.

"We tried to get to our small boat, but it was riddled with bullets. We signalled to the Colleague, which came alongside, and we got on board her, carrying the cook with us," he added.

BURSTS OF FIRE

"The vessel was badly damaged and there was a number of holes on the water line. When we last saw her she was going down by the stern. The planes fired several bursts of machine-gun fire at the Colleague, hitting the vessel, but no one on board was hurt."

The attack on the Craigie Lea occurred about half-an-hour later. Five bombs were dropped, but only one hit the ship.

This crashed through the engine-room skylight to the engine-room near the chief engineer, Lewis MacDonald, but did not explode. Two men were wounded by machine-gun fire—William Innes, fireman, and Alexander Murray, second fisherman.

Capt. John Robb, of the Craigie Lea, said that two German aeroplanes came from the north-west and flew about 100ft above the ship. The leading plane started machine-gunning them. He told the crew to get below.

The second aeroplane dropped a bomb about five yards from their starboard quarter, rocking the ship. Another bomb dropped in the water about six yards away.

"I signalled to the aeroplanes to allow the crew to get away in the small boat, but the only reply was more bursts of machine-gun fire and more bombs, one of which crashed through the engine-room skylight but did not explode," said Capt. Robb.

Machine-gun bullets entered the store room in which Innes and Murray were sheltering. Innes was struck on the back and head and Murray in the back. Soon afterwards the German aeroplanes made off.

THE "ASAMA" AFFAIR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") LONDON, TO-DAY.

INFORMED QUARTERS ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE ASAMA MARU INCIDENT WILL BE SETTLED NEXT WEEK.

Settlement will result more from semi-official talks by the British Ambassador in Tokyo than from official Notes exchanged between the two Governments which dealt mainly with the legal aspects of the case. It is hoped that settlement of the incident will facilitate solution of the Tientsin blockade.—Havas.

SHARP CLASH ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued last night states that early yesterday morning a sharp encounter with an enemy reconnaissance party "turned to our advantage."—Reuter.

GESTAPO COMPILING DOSSIERS

Suspicion that the Gestapo is compiling dossiers on the "repatriated" Baltic Germans have been aroused by a peculiar request broadcast and published in all the German newspapers. Persons in the Reich who have lately received correspondence from forced migrants are asked to forward these letters to an address in Berlin.

No indication is given for what purpose the letters are required. Senders are assured, however, that their friends' correspondence is being merely "borrowed" and will later be returned to the addressees.

ESSENTIAL STRENGTH OF EMPIRE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ESSENTIAL STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LAY IN ITS BEING AN ASSOCIATION OF FREE PEOPLE, SAID MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS, IN A SPEECH ON SATURDAY.

Some short-sighted observers had believed that on account of this freedom the Dominions would not stand at Britain's side. This view failed to understand the spirit of the British Empire, which lay in its greater freedom. We were fighting not only to maintain that but also the possibility of progress in freedom of mind and spirit of which the British Empire was a living example.—Reuter.

COAL SHORTAGE IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Throughout Britain, considerable difficulties are being experienced in obtaining supplies of coal owing to transport problems occasioned by the severity of recent weather conditions.

Glasgow is among the big cities that are suffering and the expedient is being adopted of cutting down a number of trees in these cities' parks and supplying the wood for fuel.

However, a leading official of the Glasgow fuel control office said that although still acute the position was improving while an official of the Mines Department has said that the general coal shortage was being overcome and that the general coal shortage was being overcome and that they hoped supplies would be greatly increased by Monday.—British Wireless.

FRENCH PREMIER AND RAILWAY BOMBING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Daladier, conferred with the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Renzo Sawada, about the recent bombing of the Yunnan railway.—Havas.

SALE OF 'AIR COBRAS' TO FRANCE APPROVED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The War Department has approved of the sale to France of a new high-speed super pursuit monoplane "Air Cobra," capable of reaching 400 miles per hour.—Havas.

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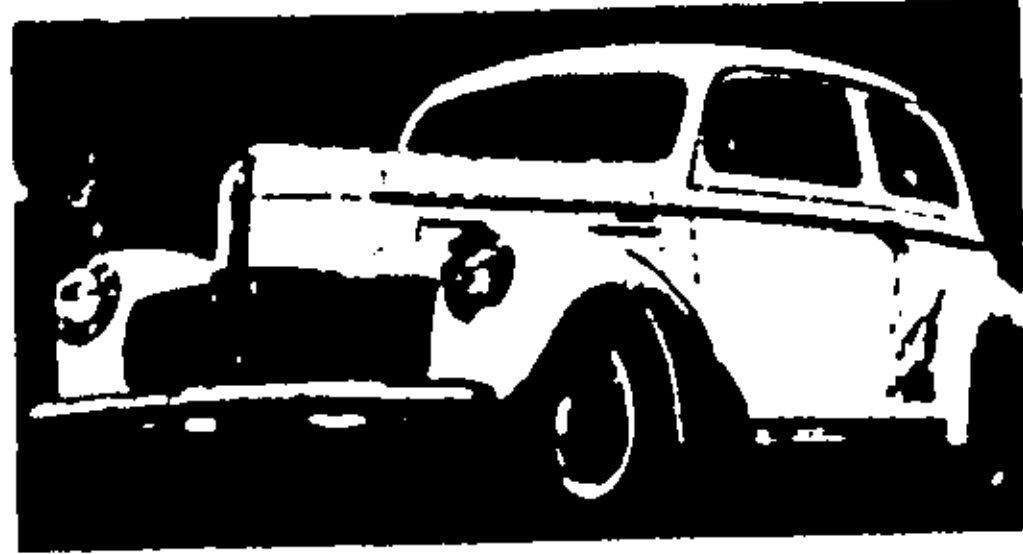
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(By A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE)

Britain has a queer way of winning over to warm friendship those who have fought against her. I remember during the last war talking with Arthur Lynch, that gifted Irishman who fought with the Boers against us at the beginning of the century, was tried for treason and sentenced to death, was pardoned and became a popular member of the House of Commons, and later served as a colonel in the British Army in the war of 1914-18.

His prototype to-day is Colonel Deneys Reitz, South Africa's Minister for Native Affairs, who also fought against us in the Boer War. He went into voluntary exile rather than live under British rule, returned to his country when it was given self-government, is now one of the warmest supporters of the Commonwealth, and to-day is in England as South Africa's representative at the discussions between British and Dominion Ministers to co-ordinate the Empire war effort.

"WE HAVE SECURITY"

Colonel Reitz is living laborious days, struggling with a programme which taxes even his dynamic energy. I talked with him at South Africa House, overlooking Trafalgar Square, in the very brief interval between a hurried meal and still another of the many conferences in Whitehall.

"You at least have no doubts about the reality of South Africa's independent status?" I asked him.

"Independence?" was his reply. "We have more than that. We have security—a security which could not have been ours were we by ourselves."

"Make no mistake about that. We occupy a vital strategic space between the two hemispheres, as it were, a land with tremendous mineral wealth. In a world given over more and more to aggression—look at the news from Finland—we should have been gobbled up long ago had it not been for our membership of the Commonwealth."

Colonel Reitz spoke warmly of his reception in Britain, of the feeling of complete confidence between the various members of the Commonwealth, of the unity of purpose and of the conviction of ultimate victory.

"I am glad," he said, "to have this additional opportunity of defining the attitude of South Africa because I sense that in some quarters there is still a doubt whether the Union is wholeheartedly with the rest of the Empire in this war. There could be no greater mistake."

RACIAL ISSUE DEAD

"But you must remember that we are a young nation, still subject to growing pains. This State of English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking citizens whom we are gradually knitting into one race of South Africans has some way to go before we reach the stage which you have achieved in this country, with centuries of ordered history behind you."

"But we are doing it. The racial issue is dead, except for a dwindling minority represented by the extreme Malanites. It played no part in the dispute which led to the resignation of General Hertzog and the appointment of General Smuts to the Prime Ministership. General Hertzog is no less friendly to this country and to the Imperial connection than before, and 'you' will have read that an alliance between his party and the Malanites now seems less likely because he and Mr. Havenga refuse to revive the racial issue and to accept Republicanism and severance from the Empire as part of their political creed."

"I admit that the neutrality motion which led to the split was a staggering blow, but the proof of the reality and vitality of the new union of peoples which we are building up is the fact that we have triumphantly survived it, and that more and more South Africa is preparing wholeheartedly to take her full and proper part in the present struggle."

"General Hertzog is a great and deservedly respected figure in South Africa. We who have followed him and worked with him for so many years regret that on this occasion he decided on a course so divorced from the feeling of the majority of his fellow-citizens. It is only a minority for whom he speaks now, but I venture to think that many even of those have followed him mainly out of personal loyalty and not because in their hearts they disagree with the standpoint of the rest of us."

"How could we remain neutral? Europe is 8,000 miles away from South Africa, and the war might have seemed remote enough when that neutrality resolution was

introduced. But what has happened since should have convinced the most determined isolationist."

THE LIGHTS ARE OUT

"One of the most recent German raids on shipping was almost off our own coasts, within a few hours of our own ports. To-day the lighthouses round our own coasts are extinguished. That at Cape Town has for 115 years swept its beams round the bay. To-day it is in darkness."

Colonel Reitz motioned with his hand to the darkened windows of his room. "The fringe of the black-out has extended over those 6,000 miles to Cape Town itself. Is it possible for us to be neutral?"

"Just what part South Africa and South Africans will take in the common effort must depend on how the war develops. Our Government is pledged not to send forces overseas, but we are building up our Air Force and Army as rapidly as we can, and, as the Deputy Adjutant-General to the Defence Force announced the other day, if the war is confined to Europe, if no danger threatens the Union and Britain is in need of further men from the Dominions, it is incredible that South Africans who wish to volunteer for service overseas would be held in their country against their will."

THE COMMON PURPOSE

"At first sight this might appear to indicate limited participation, but there are three factors to which I would like to draw attention. The first is that we help the common purpose by undertaking complete responsibility, apart from that borne by the Royal Navy, for our own defence. We are a small nation of little more than 2,000,000 with a large country and 8,000,000 natives in our charge, and a huge coastline. Our own defence is our first consideration."

"Secondly, South Africa is situated on what is, next to the Mediterranean, the most important Empire route. On that route South Africa stands guard against any or all comers. We have undertaken ourselves the defence of Simonstown, a supremely important base for the Navy."

"Thirdly, there are other Empire territories to the north of us—the Rhodesias, Tanganyika, Uganda, and the rest—more thinly populated than ourselves, less able to defend themselves. To the defence equally of these South Africa is pledged to her last man and her last gun should the war ever come to Africa."

"These, I suggest, are no mean responsibilities, and no small contribution to the effort of the Commonwealth."

GERMANY'S MISTAKE

Our talk closed with a final emphatic warning that people in this country should not mistake the significance of any division of feeling in the Union.

"We tend to be like the proverbial Irishman—always 'agin the Government,' even when it is a Government of ourselves. We 'hive off' among ourselves. But beneath all that we are united in a love for, and belief in, our own country, and in the effort we are making to breed a united people."

"The traditional back-veld is a thing of the past. The motor-car and the radio have annihilated space and brought veld and town together in the same way of thinking. That is where Germany has made a great mistake. If there is still a tiny anti-British tinge in the dying embers of racialism it most emphatically is not pro-German. We have no illusions on that point. We know what would happen to us under German domination."

**TURKISH DEFENCE
EXPENDITURE**

Ankara, Yesterday.

The Turkish Finance Minister announced to-day that of the Budget of £54,000,000, the sum of £19,000,000 would be devoted to defence.

This was in addition to the large credits granted by Britain and France.—Reuter.

CANADIAN CONTRACTS

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The Canadian Government has placed contracts worth £2,000,000 in Kingston, Collingwood and Port Arthur for the construction of submarine chasers. — Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





Robert Fossett, junior, the famous international jockey has accomplished a remarkable and dangerous riding feat known as the "Death Jump". Blindfolded and with a sack placed completely over his head and baskets attached to his feet, he makes a flying leap on to the back of a galloping horse. He is performing at the circus at Earl's Court, London. (Copyright, Fox).

"DON'T BULLY," SAYS GOERING

Field-Marshal Goering, in his capacity as Commissioner for the Four Years' Plan, has for the second time found it necessary to issue a warning to German officials to refrain from bullying behaviour in their dealings with the public.

"Officials are not there to drill the people, but to help them," he declares. "I have unfortunately had many complaints recently about the overbearing behaviour of officials in State departments. Some of these complaints show how little certain officials are conscious of their dignity and of their duty to the nation."

"For instance, when an official was approached by a newly married couple who wished to apply for a permit to buy some material for curtains, he curtly refused their application, and told them to stick newspapers over their windows."

GOEBBELS SILENT

"Such abuses, which are, fortunately, still rare, must not occur again in future. A member of the public who approaches a public department wants advice and not stupid phrases."

"Measures must be taken to see that applicants do not always have to wait for long periods in queues. I demand that work should be done quickly, and that everything should be completed in the shortest possible space of time."

Dr. Goebbels, Propaganda Minister, has evidently decided that the warning is too strongly worded for general consumption, for it has not been published in the German Press.

In the latest issue of the "Reichsarbetsblatt," Herr Seldte claims great credit for yet another retreat by the Nazi Government in the face of German workers' demands. The cancellation of the decree stopping extra payment for overtime has now been followed by the restoration of holidays for workers employed in industry to take effect from January 15.

COD-LIVER OIL FOR SHANGHAI REFUGEES

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]
Shanghai, Yesterday.

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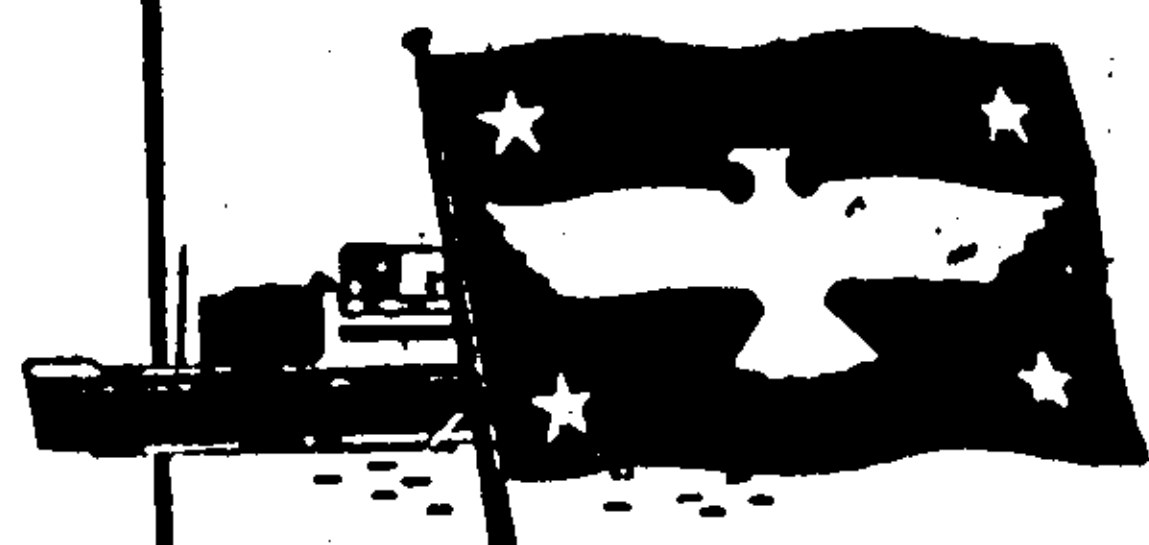
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| Amoy | February 5. |
| Formosa and Swatow | February 5. |
| Canada, U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 11th Jan.) | February 5. |
| Haiphong | February 5. |
| Japan and Shanghai | February 5. |
| Shanghai | February 6. |
| Bangkok and Saigon | February 6. |
| Straits | February 6. |
| Straits | February 7. |
| Saigon | February 7. |
| Japan and Shanghai | February 7. |
| Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 31st Jan. | February 7. |
| Haiphong | February 7. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th January | February 8. |
| Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th January | February 8. |
| Shanghai and Amoy | February 8. |
| Shanghai | February 9. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date 24th January | February 9. |
| Europe via Suez Straits (London date, 15th Dec. 1939) | February 9. |
| Japan and Shanghai | February 9. |
| Canton | February 9. |
| Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 27th January | February 10. |

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| Saigon | Feb. 5, 7.00 p.m. | |
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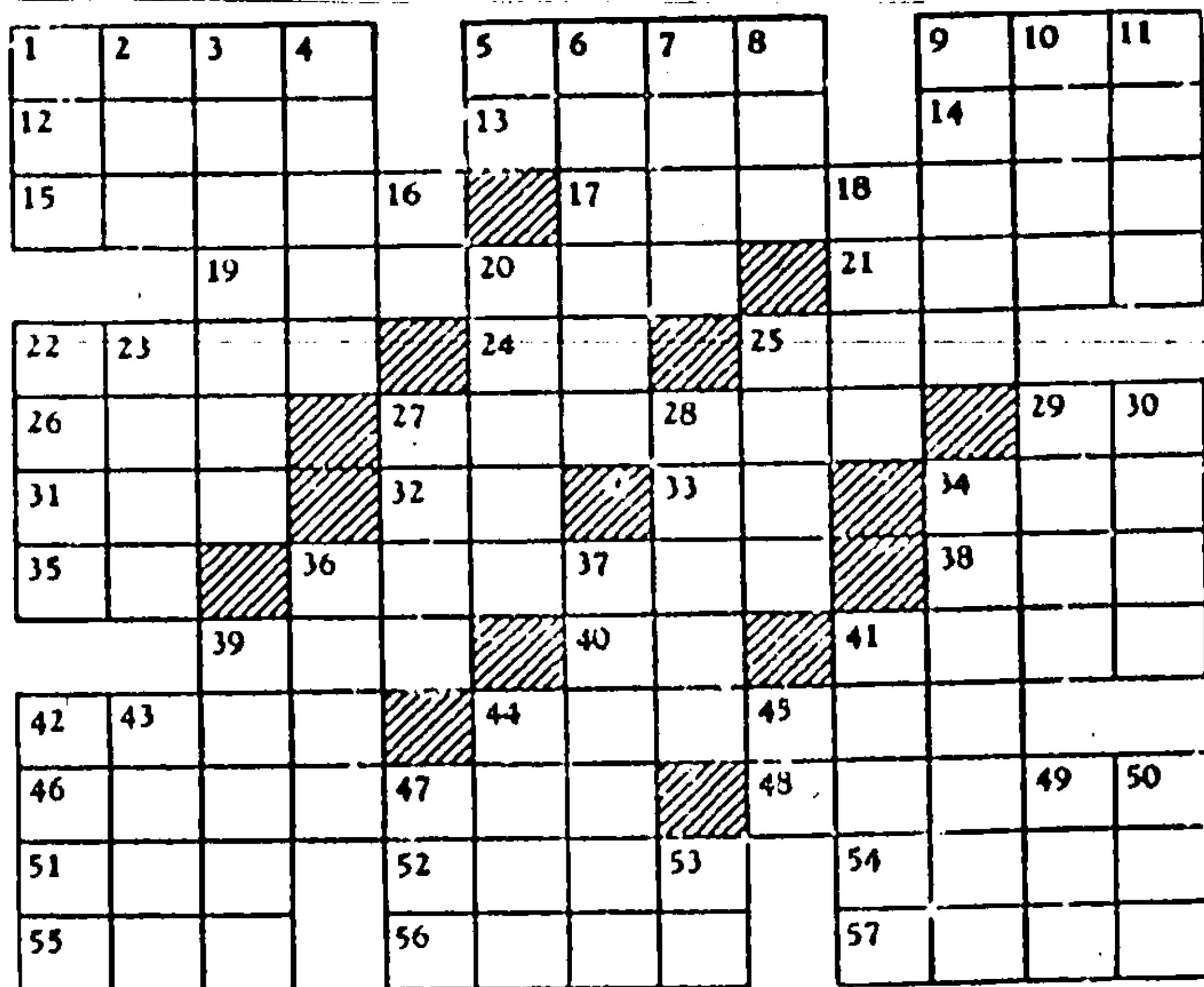
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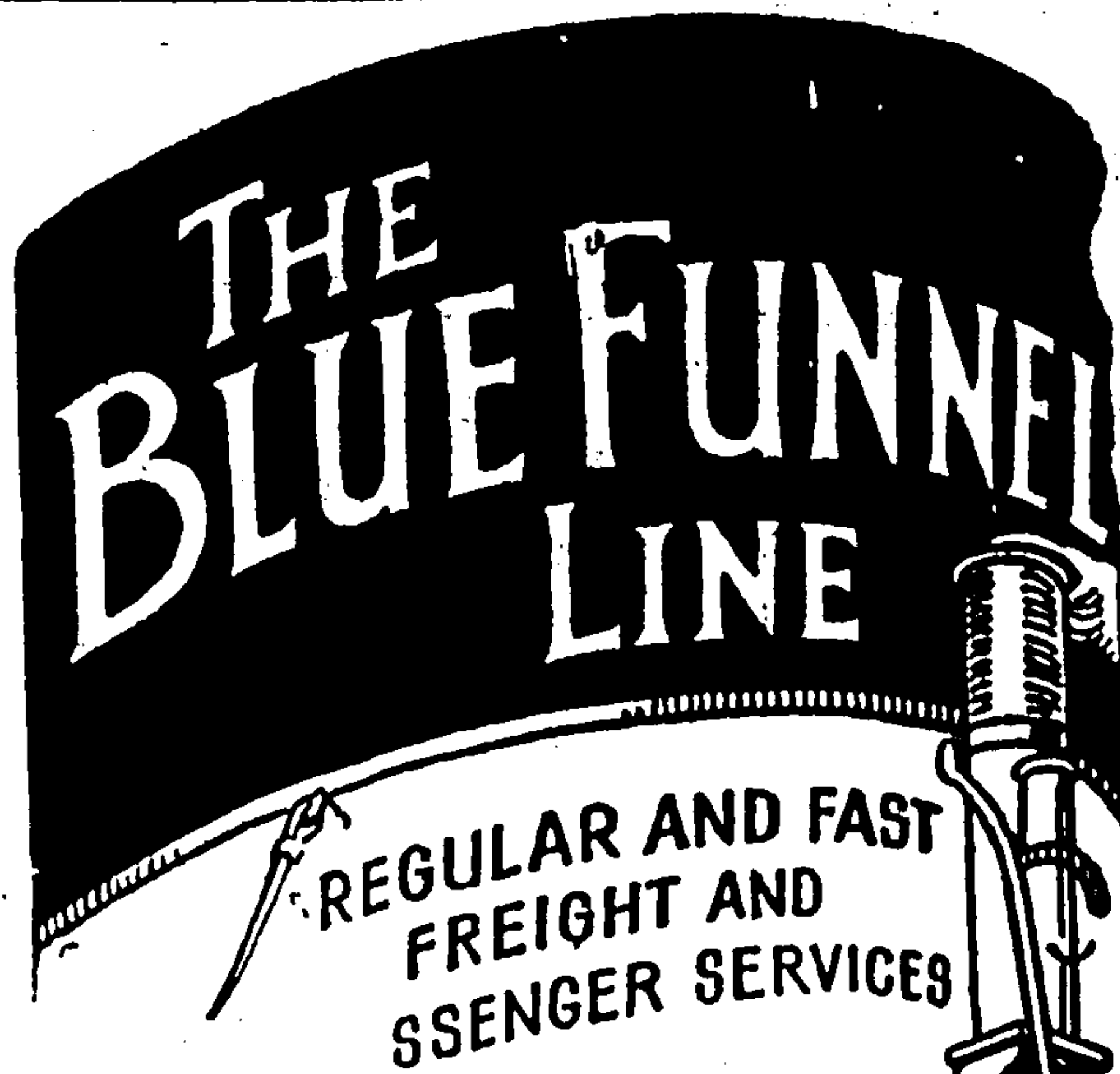
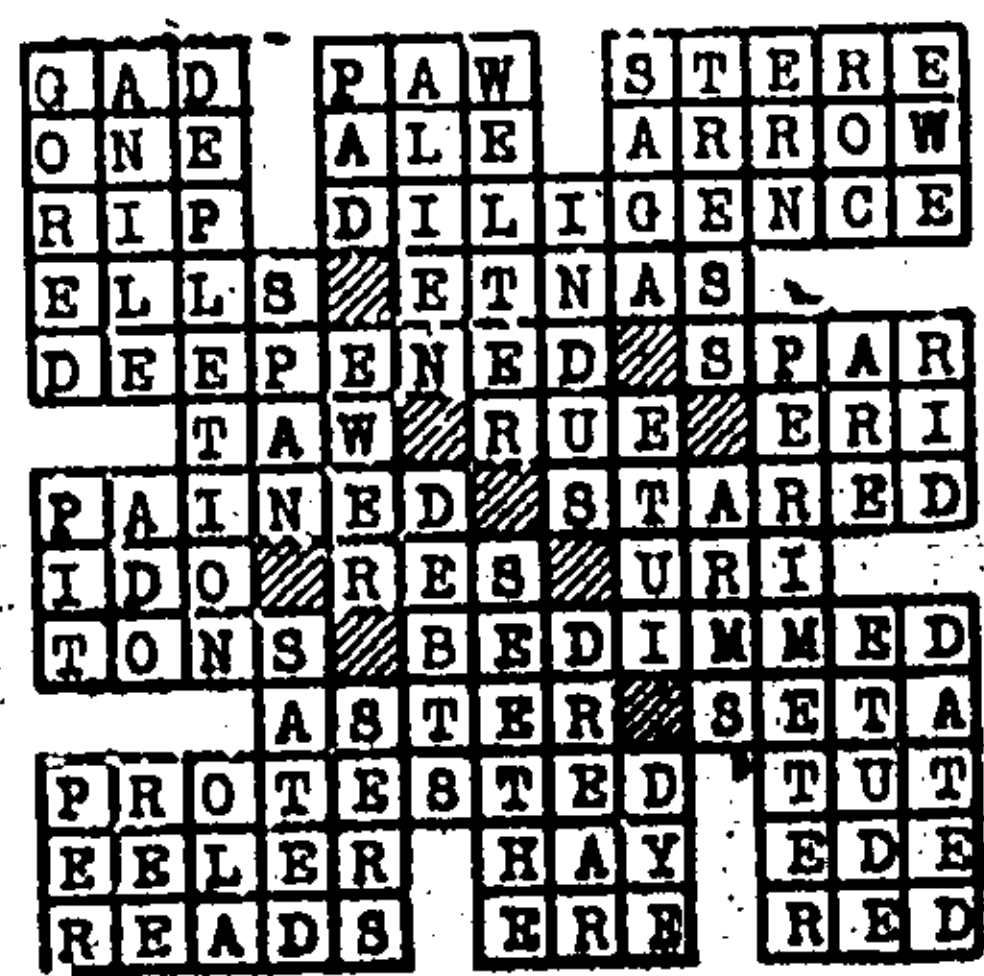
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- 22 Equitable
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 Performed
- 26 Oriental title
- 27 To attack
- 29 Note of scale
- 31 Hindu cymbals
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- 38 Latin: I love
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- 4 To penetrate
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- 10 To employ
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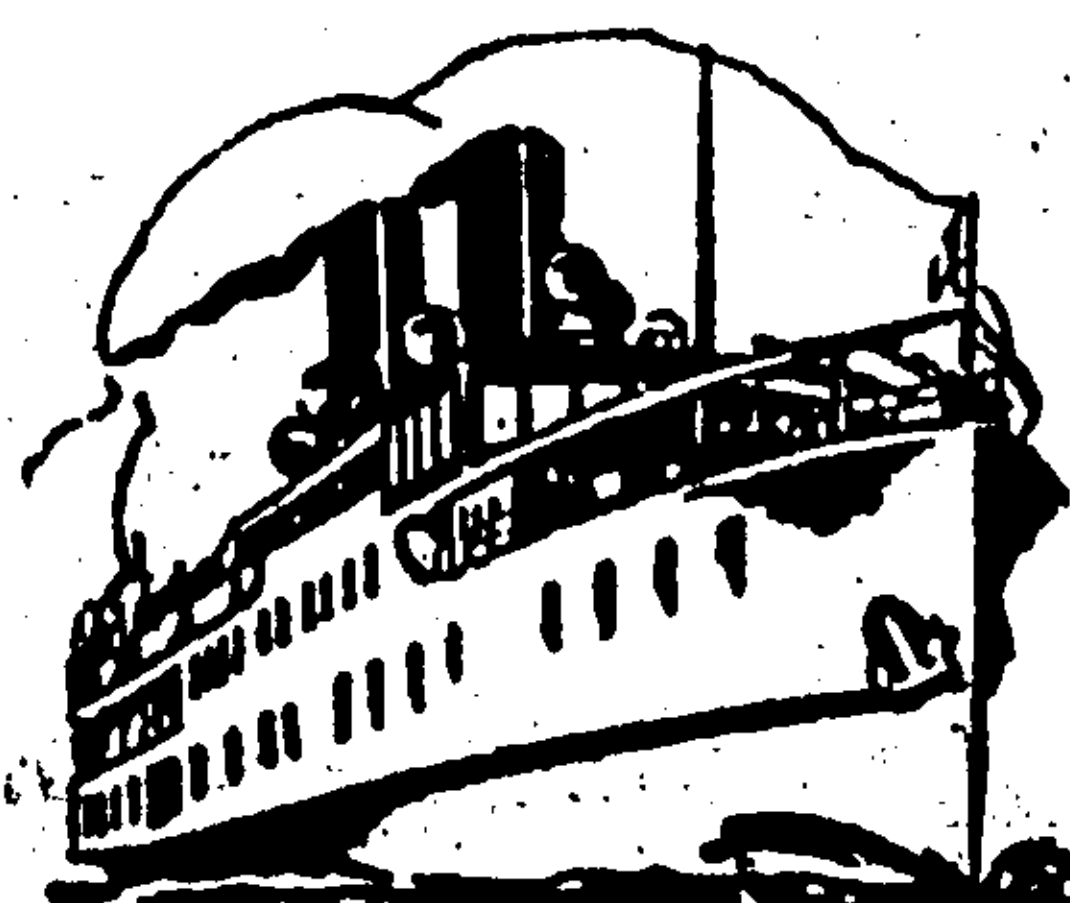
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BUNKER FEAR

BY BEST BALL

The golfer who spends his practice sessions out of the sand traps and a good part of his actual rounds in them has only himself to blame. Practically the only mystery about the explosion shot is why golfers will not devote some time to practising them. To many the sight of a nice, white bunker is no less appalling than the middle of the Sahara would be to a casual pedestrian. The player knows what he should do, he has read and heard enough to realise that he should hit the sand about an inch back of the ball and let the clubhead explode the ball out. But in the manner of execution he finds he is woefully unprepared. His first and only thought is to get the ball out and to this end he strikes at the spot back of the ball with a swing that shrieks with tension.

In his fear that he will never get the ball out the player violates all the tenets of good form, hits quickly and lifts his head quickly to see where the ball is going. Oftentimes he need not have worried, the ball did not go anywhere. Trouble shots of this type call for cool heads and the player should remember that he must control himself before he can control his swing. Let the clubhead bear some of the burden; given a chance it will get that ball up in the air.

Wednesday: — Guiding The Downstroke.

Owing to inclement weather yesterday, the friendly cricket match between Hong Kong University and Royal Engineers was cancelled.

POLICE IN SEMI-FINAL OF JUNIOR SHIELD

Police entered the Semi-Final Round of the Junior Shield yesterday when they beat International by 3 goals to 2. Gordon (penalty) scored in the first half and completed his "hat trick" after the interval. Leonard and Campos scored for International. Goals by Lau Pak-hung, Chu Kam-haing (2) and Wu Chiu-chung (2) gave South China a 5-1 lead over Electric at half time in their Third Division game yesterday, and further goals by Chu Kam-haing, Lau Pak-hung and Leung Ping-kun gave the Chinese an 8-1 win. Gomes converted a penalty for Electric.

LAU'S FINE DISPLAY

On the Club ground yesterday Lau Hin-hon gave a grand display for Eastern and it is unfortunate that, with the presence of Tam Kwan-kon and Cheung Wing-choi in the Chinese teams, this useful goalkeeper has had no chance to play in representative games.

He will, however, be seen in action against Saigon and will then be given an opportunity of proving his real worth.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MATCH ON THURSDAY

Following will take part in the President versus Vice-President's match, at Kowloon Golf Club on Thursday next:

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| 9.00 a.m. | R. K. Collings v A. E. Davies. |
| 9.04 | " A. J. Dennis v W. A. Stewart. |
| 9.08 | " T. B. Low v W. V. Ahern. |
| 9.12 | " F. C. Barry v W. C. Simpson. |
| 9.16 | " T. Lamb v E. F. Fincher. |
| 9.20 | " S. Jex v W. Bastin. |
| 9.24 | " W. Kershaw v N. Hardie. |
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| 9.32 | " V. C. Labrum v D. L. Williams. |
| 9.36 | " J. Coles v W. Davenport. |
| 9.40 | " A. Buttfield v T. Henderson. |

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AT FANLING

Following are the results of the Second Round of the Junior Golf Championship played at Fanling yesterday:—

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| J. W. Mayhew | beat W. Hewitt 3 and 1. |
| W. L. Alexander | beat W. A. Stewart 5 and 3. |
| H. N. Williamson | beat J. C. Taylor 4 and 3. |
| N. K. Littlejohn | beat A. H. McBride 8 and 6. |

TENNIS FINAL

Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu won the Colony Ladies Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship yesterday when they beat Mrs. Enid Lo-Litton and Mrs. Hyde by 6-3, 6-4 in the Final at U.S.R.C. in poor weather.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN MANCHURIA

Chungking, Yesterday. The activities of Chinese guerrillas in Manchuria have been intensified recently, particularly in the north and east of Kirin province, according to Chinese reports reaching here.

Fighting is said to have occurred between guerrillas and Japanese forces on the north bank of the Jaoli River, in east Kirin, on Jan. 31.

Engagements are also stated to have taken place on Feb. 1 at Fuyuan, in east Kirin.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.025 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$3.98-3/8.

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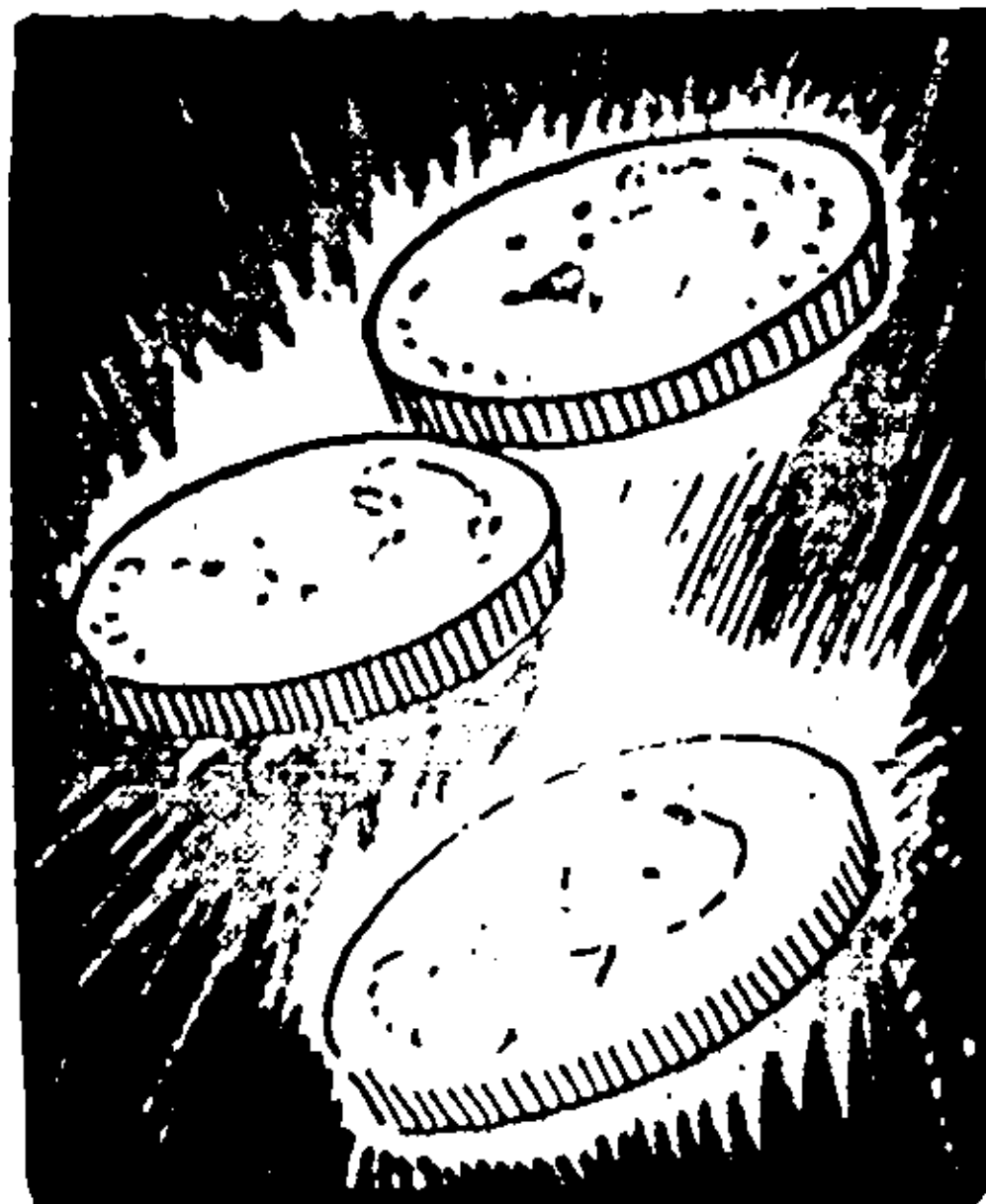
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SILVER PIECES IN THE MOONLIGHT

William Sproull, second engineer of the steamship Dorset, was given shore leave the night of March 15, 1905, a few hours after it docked at Victoria Docks. He was accompanied by Second Mate McEachern. Together they had about two pounds in their pockets.

Early the following morning, before daylight, the body of Sproull was found in the middle of Rupert St., just back of the Leman St. police station. He had been stabbed to death and there was no clue to indicate how it had happened.

Inspector Wensley, one of the brightest detectives of Scotland Yard, was immediately assigned to the case. He knew East London like a book and he proceeded to the scene of the murder at once and made a careful examination of the street. Presently he discovered little blotches of blood on the ground. Then at intervals, between these blood stains, he noticed something shining brightly in the moonlight. They were threepenny



history at the Rupert St. house. He arrested Marks Reubens as he came out of the house and later discovered Morris Reubens, a brother, in an upper room. Sproull's overcoat was found in a closet of the room. A search revealed a broken hippopotamus stick and a broken tumbler in a tin pail. When Morris Reubens was taken into custody he cried: "I did not stab him; if he was stabbed my brother did it!"

This was highly important in view of the fact that no one had mentioned stabbing. It was a case of the guilty fleeing "when no man pursueth." Two girls were taken into custody, but it was pretty well established that they had nothing to do with the crime.

Morris Reubens admitted fighting with Sproull, but said that he had only acted in self-defence. He pointed to the broken tumbler as proof, saying the dead man had started the trouble when he threw the tumbler at him. But one of the girls testified otherwise; said the glass had been broken when she accidentally knocked it off the table.

At the trial each bit of evidence fitted in with the other with the perfection of a solved jig-saw puzzle. It was proven that the sailors were in the room drinking with the girls when the two men saw them and came in. Sproull was stabbed in the house and was thrown out. He leaned his bloody hand against the panel of the door as he staggered out to the road to die.

Wensley received high praise for his prompt and successful work, but he gave all of the credit for the solution of the crime to the silver pieces in the muddy road, shining in the moonlight.

NAZI ORDERS FOR MUSIC

Franz Lehar, the Viennese composer, who is in Budapest to prepare for a Lehar Festival in the spring, discussed recently the appointment of Dr. Furtwaengler, the conductor, as musical director of Vienna.

The appointment was made by Herr Buerekel, Reich Commissioner for Austria.

Dr. Furtwaengler, Lehar said, is not looking forward to his work, as his instructions are to reorganise and revitalise Viennese theatrical and concert life and to "stamp it with one-track musical personality."

He added that the Viennese, for whom music is the last and only treasure left, now fear they know only too well what "one-track personality" must be intended.

TROUBLE OVER PONIES

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, called for Dalren on board the Dalren Maru this morning, on the request of a friend there who is having difficulties over the transportation of a large number of Manchurian ponies which are due to be shipped to Shanghai.

Mr. Franklin will probably be absent from eight to 10 days.—Reuter.

PRAYA STABBING INCIDENT

IN THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, LI FOOK-SING WAS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF PUN YAU SZE, ON OCTOBER 30, OPPOSITE THE DOUGLAS WHARF.

Mr. T. J. Gould, assistant crown solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Inspector Hopkins, while the defence was conducted by Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

The jury was composed of Messrs. C. A. Goldenberg (foreman) Lam Ho-yin, Lee Chung-yew, Chia Peng-hong, J. Krogh-Moe, D. P. Furtes and Paul Lee.

Mr. Gould said accused was employed on the s.s. Seistan as a cook and the crime occurred practically opposite the Douglas Wharf, where the steamer was berthed. At about 6 a.m. three street coolies, sleeping under the verandah near the Wharf, were aroused by quarrelling and saw three men, including accused, quarrelling with Pun on the wharf. After this, two men were seen running through the grill to the wharf carrying gunny bags, leaving Pun and Li behind. Pun attempted to strike accused, who was seen to take a knife from his pocket and strike Pun on the left side of the abdomen. Pun collapsed on the road after staggering several paces.

Li threw the knife into the harbour. The grill was closed by an Indian watchman, Bhag Singh, who would say that while he was in the lavatory he heard the word "kill."

Coming out, he saw nothing to account for the remark and closed the grill because several persons were attempting to enter. He saw Pun lying on the road but paid no attention.

His statement, continued Mr. Gould, did not coincide with those of the three coolies, who said the watchman was present at all times during the incident. Pun died two days later. The stab wound had perforated the abdominal wall.

The crew's quarters on the s.s. Seistan was searched but accused could not be found. It was found that he had gone to Kwang Chowwan but on his return later he was arrested.

When formally charged, accused admitted stabbing deceased, but said he was attacked by several men who attempted to steal bags of copper coins from him.

The case is continuing.

COOL THEFT

A well-organised gang of eight, caught six hours after the offence following prompt work by the Police under Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw last Friday, was before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning charged with stealing 1,154 feet of galvanized water piping, the property of Mr. F. Gibson, of Pineacres, Tai Po Road. The piping was valued at \$600.

Lam Shing, 28, who had two previous convictions, was given two months' hard labour, while the seven others were sentenced to six weeks.

The gang stole the piping from the hillside above Mr. Gibson's residence. It connected the house with the reservoir. They sold the piping to a godown in Gap Road for 33 cents per foot, a fair price.

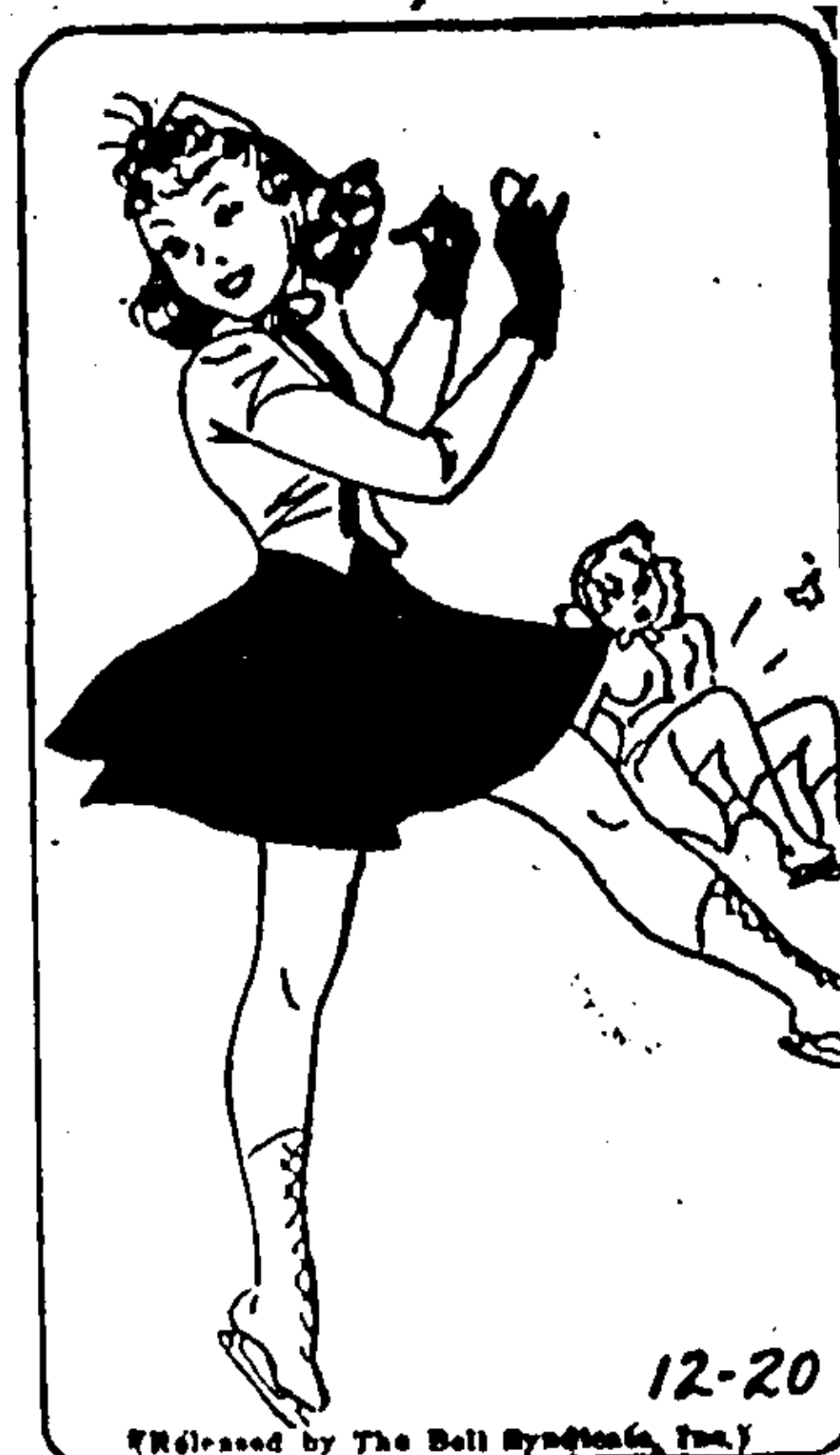
STORE IN THEATRE BROKEN INTO

Lau Pan, 20, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, charged with stealing \$150 from a Candy Store in the Cathay Theatre, Wanchai Road.

Det.-Sergt. V. Morrison said defendant was formerly employed by the proprietress, and was dismissed some time last month. On Friday night, the store was broken into, and a sum of \$150 was stolen. Defendant was detained for enquiries, and when money was found in his possession, admitted the theft.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

WITTY Kitty



Rolling Rita says she doesn't know whether it is the exercise or the costume that has encouraged women to go in for ice-skating.

HITLER TURNS TO SCHACHT AGAIN

Herr Hitler is apparently trying to persuade Dr. Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, to come back and straighten out the Reich's money troubles.

It is learned from a neutral source that Herr Funk, who succeeded Dr. Schacht as President, and his experts have been working on a number of drastic schemes for financing the war, but Hitler is hesitating to give them his approval, for Rudolf Hess, his deputy, has told him that the people must not be asked for any more big sacrifices just yet.

The Fuehrer, in desperation, it is said, is turning to the man who has saved Germans so many times before. But Dr. Schacht, remembering the day last January when he was abruptly sacked and his policy reversed, is reluctant to accept Hitler's offer.

He states that he cannot undertake to do anything with Germany's finances in their present state.

Heart Trouble Caused by High Blood Pressure

If you have pains around the heart, palpitation, dizziness, headaches at top and back of head and above eyes, shortness of breath, feel nervy, or suffer from poor sleep, loss of memory and energy, indigestion, worry and fear, your trouble is probably caused by High Blood Pressure. This is a mysterious disease that causes more deaths than cancer, because the symptoms are so common and usually mistaken for some simple ailment. If you suffer from any of these symptoms, your life may be endangered by Heart Trouble or a paralytic stroke, and you should start treatment at once. The very first dose of Hynox, a new medical discovery, reduces High Blood Pressure and makes you feel years younger in a few days. Get Hynox from your chemist today. It is guaranteed to make you feel well and strong or money back on return of empty package.

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Two years ago J. Richards, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, was in bed with Asthma. Had lost 40 pounds weight, suffered coughing, choking and strangling every night—couldn't sleep—expected to die. Mendaco stopped spasms first night and he has had none since—in OVER TWO YEARS. Mendaco is so successful it is guaranteed to give you free, easy breathing in 24 hours and to stop your Asthma completely in 8 days or money back on return of empty package.

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By
GEORGE BARTON

silver pieces. The bloody blotches and the silver pieces led him directly to a lodging house on Rupert St.

There, at the outset, he came face to face with a bit of sensational evidence. One of the panels of the door of the lodging house showed the bloody prints of a man's hand.

JOHNNY ON THE JOB

These valuable discoveries were due entirely to the fact that Wensley had gone on the job immediately. Had he waited until morning the blood-stained panel would have been cleaned and the telltale silver pieces picked up or swept away.

Meanwhile Second Mate McEachern was found leaning against a wall on Whitechapel Road in a half-intoxicated condition. He said they had been in a house with two girls and that two men had broken in on them starting a fight. He had a dim recollection of being hit with a stick made of hippopotamus hide. He remembered being thrown out of the house but did not know what had become of Sproull. Also he dimly recalled having changed banknotes for silver threepenny pieces. When they were on shore leave they were constantly being accosted by beggars and they made a practice of tossing the silver pieces to the mendicants.

While McEachern was being interviewed by another Scotland Yard man, Detective Wensley was making

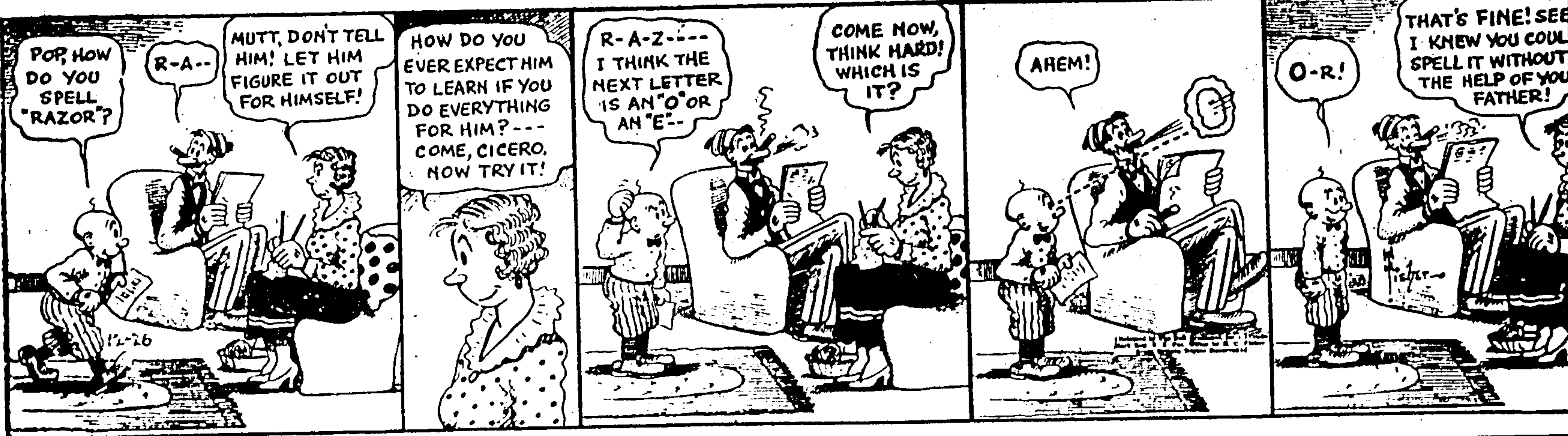
How An Australian Girl Improved Her Looks.

The experience of an Australian girl, Miss M. Higgins, of Tumbulgun, Tweed Rivers, New South Wales, will be read with interest by all who are anxious to improve their appearance. "Since I have taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills so many people have remarked upon the improvement in my looks", states Miss Higgins. "For two years I was subject to fainting and giddy spells. I did not feel like eating. I was never well and felt listless and tired all day. I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and after taking them I feel better in every way and my health has improved immensely. I have never been so well in all my life and can recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to anyone who is underweight and anaemic."

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Saxophone
Recital
By Palapo

6.00 p.m.—"For the Children".
Nursery Rhymes... Uncle George's Party
with Orchestra.
"Robin Hood and The Sorrowful Knight"
Part I: I Love To Whistle (film 'Mad
about Music')... Betty Driver (Vocal)
with Orchestra.
Studio—Story by Aunt Susan
Three Little Fishies... The King's Men
(Vocal) with Guitar.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.32 p.m.—Favourite Film "Hits".
Leave A Little For Me (film 'Yes, Mr.
Brown'); Yes, Mr. Brown (from the

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Variety :
An Hour Of
Dance Music

(film)... Jack Buchanan (Vocal) with
Orchestra.
"Love and Hisses"—Selection: "Manhattan
Music Box"—Selection... Carroll Gib-
bons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.
Ahl Sweet Mystery of Life (film 'Naughty
Marietta'); Indian Love Call (film 'Rose
Marie')... Jeanette Macdonald (Soprano)
and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch.
"Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs"—

Selection... Patricia Rossborough
(Piano).
I Have Eyes (film 'Paris Honeymoon');
The Funny Old Hills (film 'Paris Honey-
moon')... Bing Crosby (Vocal) with
Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"I Re-
member". A Programme of Musical
Entertainment of Forty or Fifty
Years Ago. Devised and produced
by Percy Edgar.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.05 p.m.—A Concert by Marek Weber
and His Orchestra with Mavis Ben-
nett (Soprano) and Charles Kullman
(Tenor).
Fantasia—At The Tchaikowsky Fountain
(Urbach)... Marek Weber & His Orch.
Bird of Love Divine (Haydn Wood); Valley
Of Laughter (Sanderson)... Mavis Ben-
nett (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by
Gerald Moore.
Viennese Memories of Lehar (arr. Henry
Hall)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Thora (Weatherly & Adams); Beautiful
Garden of Roses (Dempsey & Schmid)
... Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orch.
Puccini—Potpourri: Amorette-tanze—Waltz
(Gungl)... Marek Weber & His Orch.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital
by Palapo with Piano accomp. by
Nura Kanis.
1. Prelude to Cantatas No. 12 & 156 (J. S.
Bach).
2. Saxo-Rhapsody (Eric Coates).
3. Danse Hongroise (Ring-Hager).
9.05 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His
Orchestra.
Romance In Moonlight. Intro: Gipsy
Moon; Moonlight and Roses; I love the
Moon; Pale Moon; Pagan Love Song;
In the Moonlight... Alfredo Campoli &
His Orchestra.
Vienna In Springtime (Leon-Pelosi)...
Campoli & His Marimba Tango Orch.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—Variety with The Mills
Brothers, Wilson and Leach, Connie
Boswell and Vic Oliver.
Piano Duets—King of Burlesque—Medley;
Three Hit—Medley... Jack Wilson &
Jimmy Leach.
Comedian—Vic Oliver Ambles On (Vic
Oliver)... Vic Oliver; Knock, Knock—
Who's There... Vic Oliver with Sarah
Churchill.
Vocal—I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart
(Ellington & Others); Outside of Para-
dise (from the film)... Connie Boswell
with Orchestra.
Piano Duet—Fox-Trot Medley.
Intro: Miss Annabelle Lee; Little Jap-
anese Sandman; Chinatown... Jack
Wilson & Jimmy Leach.
Vocal—Swing Is The Thing (from 'Black-

birds of 1936'); Long About Midnight
(Hill)... The Mills Brothers (Four Boy
and a Guitar).
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Little Heaven of the Seve-
Seas; Hawaiian Hospitality (film
'Rhythm in the Clouds')... Ronnie Mur-
ro & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—The Sweetest Music Th-
Side of Heaven... Maurice Winnick &
His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Night In The Desert; Flower
Path... Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.
Fox-Trots—Sweet Is The Word For Yo-
(film 'Waikiki Wedding'); Blue Hawa-
(film 'Waikiki Wedding')... Eddie Car-
roll & The Casani Club Orchestra.
Tangos—Night On The La Plata; Buc-
Amigo... Juan Llossas & His Tang-
Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—What Are We Gonna Do Wit-
Baby?; I Saw A Ship A-Sailing... Brian
Lawrence & His Orchestra.
Waltz—You Needn't Have Kept It
Secret; Fox-Trot—Moon at Sea... Ronn-
Munro & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—You Came To My Rescue (film
'The Big Broadcast of 1937'); Talkin-
Through My Heart (film 'The B-
Broadcast of 1937')... Henry King & H-
Orchestra.
Tangos—Do You Like Dancing?; Night O-
Love Divine... Dajos Bela Dance Orch.
Fox-Trots—I Was Saying to the Moon (film
'Go West, Young Man'); On A Typic-
Tropical Night (film 'Go West, Your-
Man')... Reggie Childs & His Orch.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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PLENTY OF NERVE

For sheer unadulterated gall South's
bidding should take some sort of
prize. It all started in an innocuous
manner. After North's opening club
bid East passed, deciding to await
developments, and South, who should
have bid one heart, decided on one
notrump. North rebid his clubs and
then East decided to interject a bid
of two spades. At this point South,
being unable to think of another bid,
passed. North quite properly went to
three clubs. East passed, and now
South decided to take a terrific gam-
ble on three notrump. When East
doubled, South, although he held no
sign of a spade stopper, boldly stuck
by his guns.

club suit good. Indeed, we have
seldom seen such a lucky distribution
of cards. Declarer of course was now
able to run off ten tricks to make his
doubled contract with an overtrick.
However, we must point out that if
South had made his correct initial
response of one heart, he and his
partner might have arrived at a Slam
in that suit with far less risk, and six
hearts could hardly have been lost as
the cards were distributed.

* * *

Saturday you were Merwin Maier's
partner and held:

♠ A 10 x x x
♥ x
♦ K x x x
♣ A J x

The bidding:

| You | Burnstone | Maier | Schenken |
|-----|-----------|-------|----------|
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| (?) | | | |

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three
diamonds. You have fine diamond
support but, since your hand is
minimum in high cards, you cannot
afford to jump.

Score 100% for three diamonds,
60% for four diamonds, 0 for any
other bid.

QUESTION NO. 326

You are Howard Schenken's part-
ner to-day and hold:

♠ x x x
♥ K x x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

| Schenken | Jacoby | You | Burnstone |
|----------|--------|------------------|--------------------|
| 3NT | Pass | (?) | |
| | | What do you bid? | (Answer tomorrow.) |

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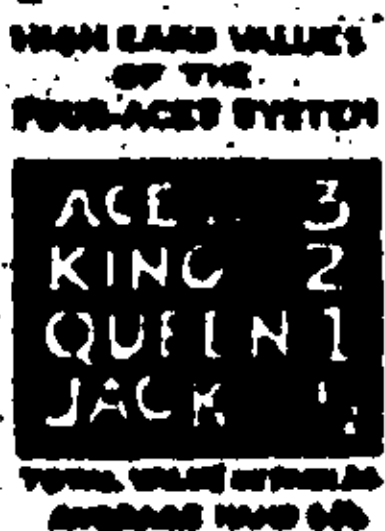
North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

| North | East | South | West |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| ♠ 7 4 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ J 10 9 ♣ Q 3 2 | ♠ A ♥ K 9 7 2 ♦ 4 3 ♣ A K 8 6 5 4 | ♠ K Q J 10 ♥ 9 3 ♦ A J ♣ 10 9 | ♠ 9 3 ♥ A J ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ 10 9 |

The bidding:

| North | East | South | West |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♣ | Pass | 1NT | Pass |
| 2♣ | 2♠ | Pass | Pass |
| 3♣ | Pass | 3NT | Pass |
| Pass | Dbl. | Pass | Pass |
| Pass | | | |

West opened a spade and after
dummy's Ace won, South entered his
hand with a diamond. He now
calmly led the Jack
of clubs and let it
ride when West re-
fused to cover. As a
matter of fact, it
would have done West
no good to cover for
the ten-nine in East's
hand would fall on
the first two leads,
thus making the whole



YACHTING RESULTS

Following were the results of the
second January trophy race held by
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yester-
day:

| | Finished | Pos |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----|
| Artemis (G. G. Wood) | 3.27.19 | 1 |
| Jean (G. J. Tarr) | 3.30.05 | 2 |
| Eve (Surg. Lt.-Comdr. J. A. Pag R.N.) | 3.38.06 | 3 |
| Nereld II (K. Kjaer) | 3.38.30 | 4 |
| Dragonfly | D. N. F. | |
| Gull | D. N. F. | |

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Postponements yesterday curtailed
the week-end Softball programme, as
only five matches were played, with
the following results:
Canuckettes 31, Cubs 7.
Pirates 19, Panthers 14.
Cardinals forfeited to Ballgirls.
Wahoos 10, Ramblerettes 4.
Chung Hwa 5, English Forum 0.
Recrelo Bees 7, Trojans 4.



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KWONG WAH LOSE PIVOT AND TWO POINTS

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

Displaying better tactics, Police yesterday defeated Kwong Wah by 4 goals to 2 at Boundary Street in their First Division football League match, after leading at the interval by 2-1.

Both sides were at full strength and Police made only one positional change, bringing Wong Man-kwai from right-wing to centre-forward instead of Johnston, who took over the former's position.

This change was very much to the good.

Gough was slow in the pivotal position and inclined to be uncertain and hesitant. North and Rose held their own well, the former especially giving a fine display.

Outstanding player for Police, however, was Blackburn, whose tackling was very impressive, while MacHardy saved several good shots.

For Kwong Wah, Wong King-chung, Chin Chi-fun and Lau Fook-chuen displayed good football, especially the first named, whose speed on the left-wing was very much in evidence. Their intermediate line was best served by Yeung Tse-tsung, pivot, who both stopped and distributed well, while in defence Lee Kwok-wai was the only impressive player.

POLICE SOON TWO UP

After a good movement Howlett drew first blood for Police, and shortly after Wong Man-kwai registered a second goal. In the last few minutes before the interval, however, Kwong Wah reduced their arrears through Wong King-chung.

Three minutes after the interval Kwong Wah were awarded a free kick from which Lau Fook-chuen equalised.

In the last 20 minutes Yeung Tse-tsung, Kwong Wah pivot, injured his right leg and had to leave the field. Police thereupon crammed on pressure and netted two further goals, both through Wong Man-kwai, who was on both occasion well supported by Ferrier and Kong Hing.

On the whole, Police undoubtedly played a better game than Kwong Wah in the first period, but the latter improved considerably on the resumption and if Yeung had not been injured a different story might have been told.

POLICE—MacHardy; Blackburn and Chan Kon-yue; North, Gough and Ross; Johnston, Howlett, Wong Man-kwai, Ferrier and Kong Hing.

KWONG WAH—Wong King-chung; Lo Shu-kar and Lee Kwok-wai; Chung Fal-lam, Yeung Tse-tsung and Tse Kam-hung; Tim Yung-fat, Lau Fook-chuen, Chin Chi-fun, Chow Man-chi and Wong King-chung.

Playing in a friendly soccer match yesterday, Royal Air Force beat Royal Scots by four goals to nil. Hitham (3) and Cuthbert were the scorers.

Other Sport On Page 14.



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SOUTH CHINA "B" WELL BEATEN BY EASTERN

FORWARDS GOOD IN APPROACH BUT BADLY LACK FINISH

(By "REFEREE")

Whatever hopes South China "B" had of being runners-up in the First Division of the Football League were sadly shattered when they were beaten by 4 goals to 1 by Eastern, one of the strongest contenders for the title, on the Club ground yesterday.

Eastern did not deserve to win by such a margin, as South China, for the greater part of the second half, did most of the pressing and yet were unable to score due to faulty shooting and the splendid display of Lau Hin-hon in goal.

The first half was evenly contested and the teams crossed over sharing two goals, but a perfect centre by Cheung Yung-sum early in the second period proved the turning point when Ng Kee-cheung headed in to give Eastern the lead.

Thereafter Eastern increased their pressure and were awarded a penalty, from which they scored. After that South China played better, the forwards doing well in attack, only to lack finish.

FORWARDS HANDICAPPED

Cheung Wing-chol, though somewhat at fault with the second goal, brought off several good saves in the latter period. Hau Yung-sung, was the better of two South China backs and cleared well, but the intermediate line were poor in their tackling and worse in their feeding. The forwards did not receive the best of passes and in consequence were not as effective as they otherwise would have been.

Lam Tak-po, in the pivotal position, was a greater stopper, but he was inclined to clear with high kicks instead of keeping the ball along the ground for his forwards. Chan Tak-fai and Kwong Ying-kee were the pick of the losers' attack and were the only dangerous forwards. Chan Tak-fai did not receive the through passes he so much desired and found Hsu Kin-seng a stiff hurdle. Kwok, his inside-right, worked hard but had little combination with his winger. Lee Shek-Yau indulged in too much fancy work to be effective and throughout the afternoon sent over only one good centre. He was too well watched by Lau Tse-chun to be dangerous.

CHAN SETTLES DOWN LATE

Chan Lam-sing was nowhere in the picture in the first half but in the second period did better and sent across several fine centres. He, however, failed to make the best of several opportunities.

For Eastern, Lee Tak-kee in the centre-forward position was not of much use to his team. He displayed poor ball control and his passing to the other forwards left much to be desired. Ng Kee-sheung was more prominent, but he could have used Hau Ching-to to better advantage as this winger was far the more dangerous.

Lau Hin-hon was the best of the Eastern defenders. He gave one of his best displays in goal and in the second period, when peppered with shots from all angles, kept his charge intact and came through with colours flying.

EARLY EASTERN LEAD

Eastern took the lead in the first half when the ball hit the upright and was held by Cheung. The referee awarded the goal in spite of the linesmen's signals.

South China were not in arrears long for in a pretty combined movement Chan Tak-fai netted with a good effort.

In the second period Ng Kee-cheung headed in from a perfect corner by Chung Yung-shum, and shortly after Cheung Kam-hoi increased the lead from a penalty. South China did all the pressing after that but were

not able to score and Hau Ching-to added to Eastern's score in the closing minutes when he broke through the defence and netted.

South China "B":—Cheung Wing-chol; Hau Yung-sung and Yuen-she; Yeung Kan-po, Lam Tak-po and Luk Tat-hung; Chung Kee-sing, Tam Chan-kuen, Chan Tak-fai, Kwok Ying-kee and Lee Shek-yau.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Seng-king and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tse-chun, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Ng Kee-cheung, and Hau Ching-to.

INTERPORT DATE MAY BE CHANGED

Doubt exists whether the Soccer Interport against Saigon will be played on Chinese New Year's Day owing to the fact the Saigon team left later than anticipated.

BADMINTON WALK-OVER TO 'VARSITY

Owing to the difficulty of raising a team, as several of their players have left the Colony for the Chinese New Year holidays, Chung Wah has given a walk over to the University "A" in "A" Division of the Badminton League. This game was to have been played this evening.

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

NAVY gave a much better performance than anticipated in their Shield game against South China "A", holders, and were only beaten by 4 goals to 2.

It is gratifying to see Thorburn in such good form on the eve of the Interport. He netted both the Navy's goals with good efforts. It is true that he did not do much to help his forwards but he played a good game for all that.

Navy were without the services of Hendy and Roughly, their backs, but the reserves, Styles and O'Regan, who was brought in for the forward line, did well and kept the Chinese forwards out.

Lai Shul-wing seems to have fallen off recently and he missed many chances of scoring, while his passing was bad. He, however, scored a good goal from outside the penalty area.

Bearne, Navy left-winger, was prominent in attack, but Goodwin, on the right, missed many chances and had he taken the opportunities offered Navy might have drawn this game.

Assisted by several First Division players owing to camp, Club juniors shared the points with Kitchie in a game that was marred by two players being sent off. Dobbs, a newcomer to Club, Skinner and Eardley played well for Club.

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SATURDAY'S SPORT

(Continued from Page 17)

RECREIO, senior League cricket champions, dropped two valuable points on Saturday when a fighting **CRICKET** innings by A. H. Madar enabled I.R.C. to force a draw. K.C.C., warm favourites for the title, easily beat University. In Second Division I.R.C. beat University.

Following were the best feats:

| BATTING | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| First Division | |
| F. J. Lay (K.C.C.) | 84 |
| L. G. Gosano (Recreio) | 72 |
| E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) | *57 |
| Friendlies | |
| W. L. Clarke (Police) | 50 |
| A. E. Carey (Police) | 49 |
| V. Mendonca (St. J. and La Salle) | 44 |

| BOWLING | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| First Division | |
| N. D. Lloyd (K.C.C.) | 6 for 19 |
| H. L. Ozorio (Recreio) | 6 for 38 |
| E. Curtis (K.C.C.) | 4 for 22 |
| Second Division | |
| Y. T. Barma (I.R.C.) | 4 for 15 |
| Friendlies | |
| B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.) | 5 for 22 |
| K. J. Atwell (H.K.C.C. 2nd XI) | 5 for 44 |
| F. Forrest (Police) | 4 for 18 |
| V. Mendonca (St. J. and La Salle) | 4 for 29 |

NOT taking advantage of their opportunities in the first half and then being without Luscombe, who

RUGBY injured his knee, in the second half, Police lost their first big game at Boundary Street when on Saturday Army won by 11 points to 3. Police badly missed

Dempsey, back row forward who is on the sick list, and Wall was again an absentee. Leslie and Wright-Nooth were the pick of the Police team, and Douglas, Richards, Waite, Ridsdale, Pinkerton and Cuthbertson were prominent for Army.

In the "A" game Club beat the Australian Naval Reservists by 6-0 in a humorous game due to the fact the Reservists knew little of the Rugby Union game. Lavalie played well for Club, and Kennedy, Bompas and McCrea were outstanding at forward.

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ST. Andrew's Ladies are slowing catching up on "Y" Ladies in the Caer Clark Cup hockey championship **HOCKEY** and on Saturday overcame a stiff hurdle when they beat Hong Kong Ladies by 4 goals to 2.

As the result of their rather fortunate win over C.B.S. by 2 goals to 0, Recreio Ladies are now second in the Brawn Cup competition. Some difficulty again arose over the appointed umpire, and Mr. J. Gonsalves, Recreio's coach, had to take over after the interval.

ARMY OPTIMISM

The Combined Chinese are meeting a United Services team in aid of Charity during the Chinese New Year holidays. It is understood that the Army ranks have been strengthened by the inclusion of several good players from Home.

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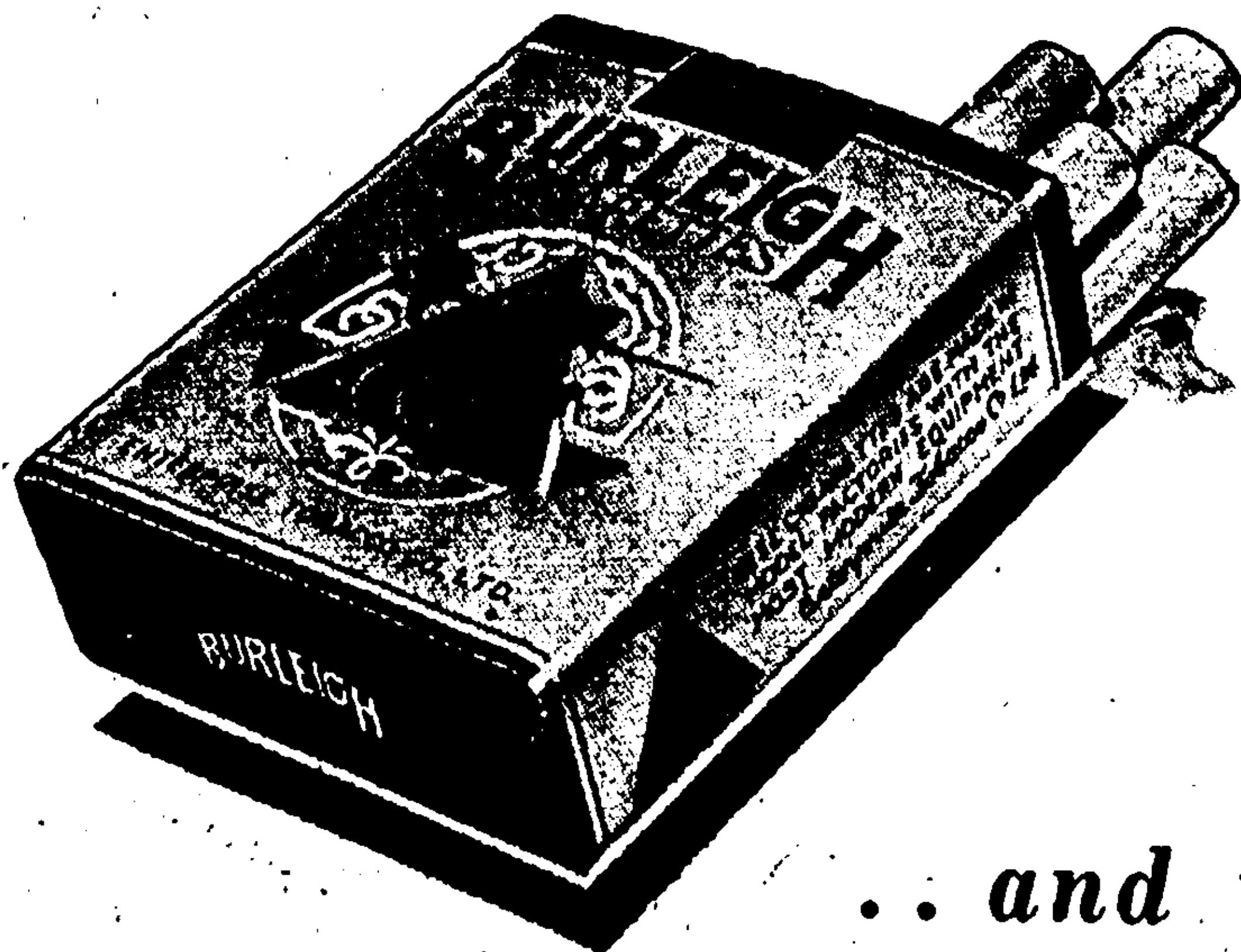
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A. B. PURVES,
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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED**Notice To Shareholders**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Moscow, To-day.
News of the Finnish war, which, for some time, has been confined to a few lines, is now being prominently featured in the Soviet Press, which publishes long details of Soviet defeats, with extracts from the Scandinavian newspapers and from speeches of prominent Finnish statesmen.

Observers are wondering whether this preages a new Russian attack.—Reuter.

***Or confirmation of recent suggestions that Stalin may offer an armistice.

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SHANGHAI INTERPORT PROSPECTS

Shanghai, To-day.

An extensive programme of entertainment has been arranged for the Hong Kong Interport teams which are expected to arrive to-morrow.

Despite unfavourable weather conditions, local players managed to get in a final practice during the week-end.

A heavy fall of snow on Friday precluded play on the Racecourse, but the Rugger players had an hour's work-out yesterday on the sports-ground of the Shanghai Waterworks, lent for the occasion.

The Shanghai fifteen is expected to be announced within 24 hours.

RUGGER OUTLOOK

Summing up the prospects of the rugger interport, the "North China Daily News" this morning states that although Hong Kong has a well-balanced side, since Shanghai won last year there is no reason why another victory should not be recorded.

Shanghai's side is expected to contain a well proportioned sprinkling of youth who, as the game proceeds, ought to come into their own. H. D. Bidwell, the former Shanghai interporter, is expected to form the spear-head of the Colony attack.—Reuter.

in Hong Kong and the source from which estimates can be invited, is therefore limited to contractors who are here.

The price is what the market can bear. Such a house then reaches to the level of four thousand pounds—the price of a very nice estate in England. It looks as though the price of a house in the Colony has got away from the costs.—"St. John's Review".

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The steamers can remain in Scandinavian waters almost the whole way and are expected to unload at Petsamo at the end of this week.

The correspondent states that this traffic has been proceeding for at least a month and the use of large German supplies on the northern front has caused great bitterness among the Finns.

The same correspondent also states that fifteen Russian submarines are to be exchanged for a German cruiser and probably another warship as the Russians require warships to replace those sunk or damaged by the Finnish coastal batteries and in the air raid on Kronstadt.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

A good impression is created in official circles by the results of the Balkan conference which, it is stated, indicate a strengthening of the collaboration of the members of the Entente with each other and with their immediate neighbours — particularly Bulgaria.

It is considered that the conference also marks a new stage in the improvement of relations between Yugoslavia and Turkey.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet Russia has expressed regret to Estonia for an incident on February 2, when Soviet warships shelled an Estonian plane which flew over Tallinn harbour.

The note says that the plane several times flew over the warships, which mistook it for a foreign plane.—Reuter.

A panic among hundreds of passengers threatened at five o'clock this morning when two riverboats, the s.s. Macao and the s.s. Fook On collided halfway between Macao and Hong Kong.

Rudely awakened from sleep by a loud crash which shook both ships from stern to bow, passengers in bath-robcs, and pyjamas, hurried on deck, to find the s.s. Fook On almost on top of the "Macao."

Slight damage was done to the bow of the "Fook On" and stern of the "Macao", both, however, being able to reach the Colony safely a few hours after the collision.

Both ships left Macao for Hong Kong at 3 a.m. the "Macao" proceeding ahead of the "Fook On."

Two hours later the "Fook On" crashed into the stern of the "Macao." How the mishap occurred is not known.

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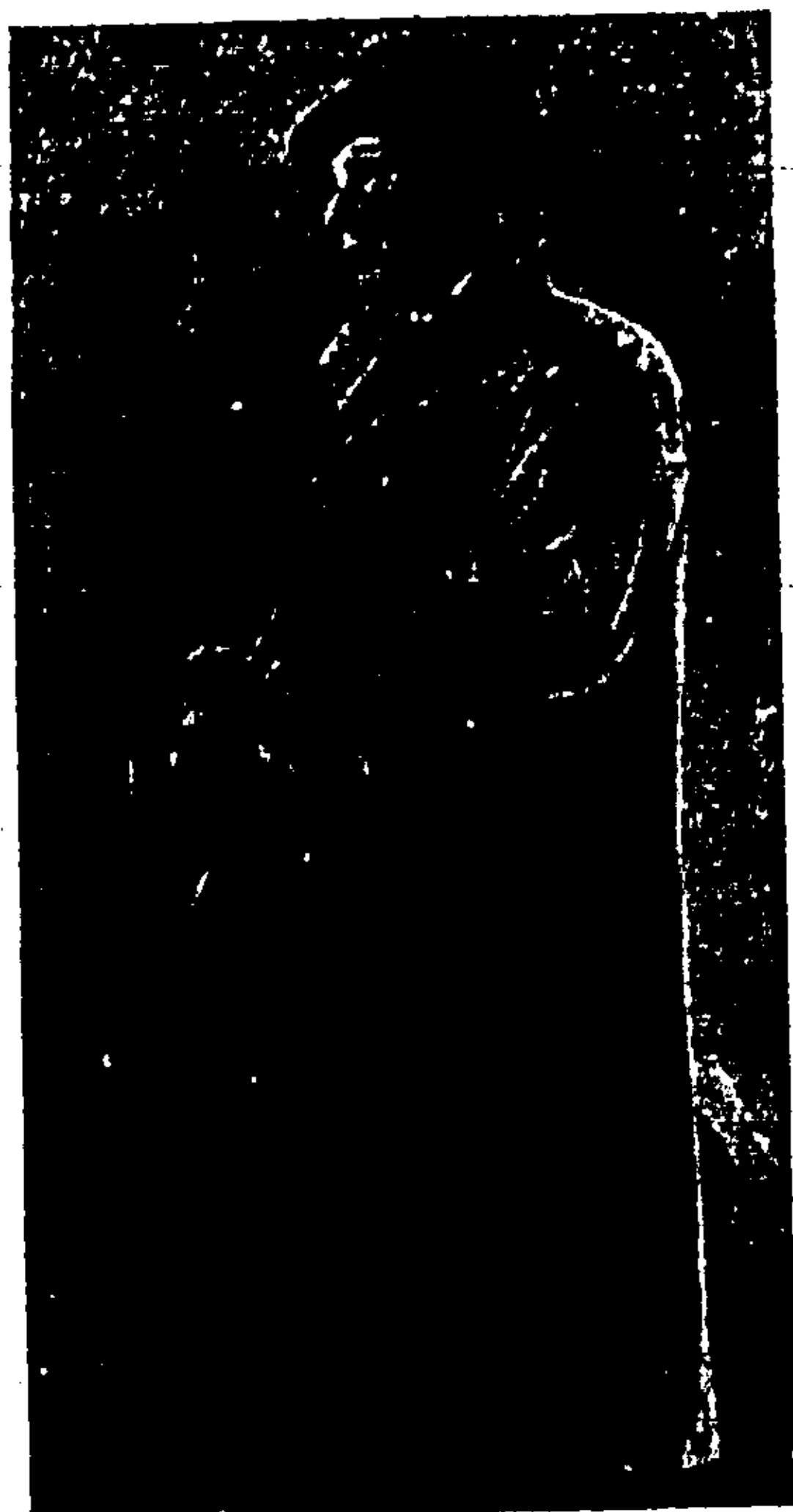
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